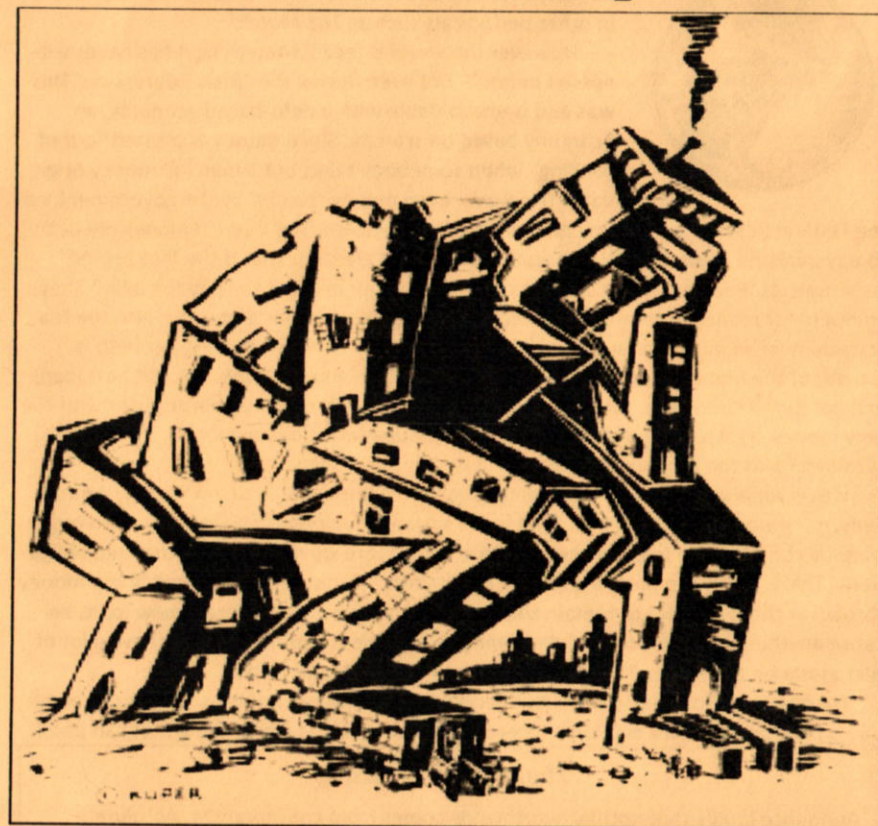




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WELCOME TO SHOW ME THE MONEY! #29

Well, it was bound to happen. Millions of people out of work; the rich laughing all the way to the bank in cars made by union workers. Thieves in the government, thieves in the boardrooms, thieves everywhere you go, everywhere you look!

That CEO's and their lackeys, "elected representatives," judges and virtually everyone "in authority" are lying, cheating, immoral, backstabbing, greedy, thieving scum is beyond question and has been well documented elsewhere in other periodicals such as *The Match*.

However the world is facing something it has never witnessed before – not even during the Great Depression. This was and is unavoidable with a debt-based economy, an economy based on scarcity. Since money is created "out of nothing" when somebody takes out a loan (all money originates this way – even money created by the government via the Federal Reserve Bank), new money enters the system. The *interest money* needed to pay back the loans original *principal* money is not created. That is the fact behind bankruptcies. People have to compete with each other in order to "pay the bills." They compete for money – a scarce resource. Somebody loses in this game. It is also the reason you hear so much about "growth" in the economy. What is meant by growth is growth of the money supply. The money supply grows when people take out new loans and get further into debt. Without growth the game can't continue because some of the new money created by loans is used to pay the old interest on past loans. This is summed up as the problem of scarcity – a scarcity of money.

If everyone were to pay their outstanding debts there would be no money, *period!* Everything would grind to a halt. That is the situation facing the US and the world today. *Nobody can afford to take on new debt* and, in fact, are trying to pay off their old obligations. This is partly the meaning of the "credit crisis." Banks are also hoarding the money thrown at them in order to remain solvent. Banks are unwilling to make new loans because anything they take for collateral may be worthless and they already have a lot of bad assets on the books. This is the other meaning of "credit crisis."

No one can afford more debt. Not people, businesses or countries. This, quite possibly, is the end a century old Ponzi scheme based on debt. The only thing that can possi-

Thought for the Day.

Announce loudly that nothing worthwhile comes from conservatism. *Absolutely nothing!* It is abject selfishness, self-seeking & self-centeredness masquerading as a valid ideology. Its sole and only purpose is to perpetuate minority privilege attained through illegitimate power wielded against struggling and suffering peoples. Conservatives will never utter the word "justice," because it's a devastating indictment of their consistently exploitative & thieving role in human affairs. *Everything good and decent* has been violently resisted by the political Right: abolishing slavery, child labor, gaining women's suffrage, racial equality, raising the minimum wage, progressive taxation, establishing health and safety standards in the workplace and the community. Perhaps these people should be put out of their misery (as they often promote for "liberals"), just as one would put a mad dog out of its misery.



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bly save the *current debt-based system* is a "jubilee" as described in the Bible. But don't hold your breath. The scoundrels in "authority," those pillars of morality, would rather have revolution than give up their ill-gotten power and money.

It's a good thing most people - your average person - has morals and values because according to LEAP/Europe 2020 - made up of independent contributors from European political, economic and other professional circles - two factors are going to make the US a likely candidate for civil violence as times get tougher: The absence of a strong social safety net & the presence of hundreds of millions of guns.

The conclusions of the study done by LEAP/Europe 2020 which came out in mid-February 2009, suggests that the economic and financial crisis will enter a phase of "global geopolitical dislocation" in the 3rd quarter of 2009, whereby these experts foresee a state of "generalized every man for himself" in countries affected by the economic crisis - Japan, Europe & the US. The panic resulting from the crisis would conclude in logical confrontations, i.e. partial civil wars. "If your country or region is in an area where firearms are in mass circulation" (only the US is in this situation) LEAP indicates, "then the best way to deal with the dislocation is to leave your region, if that's possible." This means becoming an internal refugee.

Thus, the crisis will spark violent popular revolts, intensified by the availability of guns. Latin America & the US are the area's most at risk. "There are 200 million guns in circulation in the US & social violence already manifests itself through gangs," according to LEAP. Experts already detect population flight from the US to Europe, "where direct physical violence will remain marginal."

Stock Up on Supplies

Along with armed conflict, LEAP reports there is a risk of energy, food and water shortages in areas dependent on the outside for supplies, advising people to stock up on provisions. LEAP's perspective could be ridiculed had they not predicted the present crisis with accuracy. Three years ago in February 2006, LEAP described the coming of a "global systemic crisis" initiated by America's over-indebtedness, followed by a stock market collapse (specifically in Asia & the US of 20%-50% in a year), then the bursting of all the global real estate bubbles in the UK, Spain, France, & emerging countries. All this would bring about a recession in Europe and a "very Great Depression" in the US. Social violence is already on the rise throughout the world.

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GETTING PREPARED FOR THE GREAT DEPRESSION

(Abridged from work done by Dmitri Orlov; cluborlov.com)

According to Dmitri Orlov, who moved to the US at age 12, and whose specialty is the comparative theory of superpower collapse, the US and USSR will have collapsed for the same reasons, namely: a severe shortage in the production of crude oil, a severe and worsening foreign trade deficit, a runaway military budget, and ballooning foreign debt. He calls this the "Superpower Collapse Soup."

One of the things he cautions is to view the following scenario within a 5 year time frame. The oil industry is the Achilles' heel of the US economy and during the mid-1990s the all-time peak in global oil production was scheduled for the turn of the century. But then a lot of things happened that delayed it by at least half a decade. It's also apparent that no exact date can be put on economic collapse and that it will be more or less a gradual implosion. Bear this in mind while reading this article.

The inability to provide an acceptable quality of life for its citizens and a systemically corrupt political system incapable of reform do not automatically lead to collapse because they don't put the country on a collision course with reality.

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always preached." Apparently he means how to be a thieving criminal; cheating, stealing and raking in tons of money.

Phil Gramm and his wife, Wendy, get away with murder in their financial machinations. After all, neither has ever been held legally responsible for the Enron debacle, in which the Gramms played a major part. As a top government regulator, Wendy Gramm changed the rules to make Enron's chicanery possible, and as the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Phil codified those rule changes into federal law. While Enron execs like Chairman Ken Lay (a major Gramm campaign contributor) were indicted, the charmed couple that created the loopholes Lay and others jumped through escaped legal responsibility.

After leaving the government, Wendy Gramm joined Enron's board, where she headed the audit committee that managed to avoid auditing the company's disgraceful accounting procedures - just as her husband gave advice on how to cheat & steal during his stint in the private sector with UBS. What awful, make ya wanna throw up, despicable scam!

Publications Received

The following zines have been received from **South Chicago ABC Zine Distro**, c/o Anthony Rayson, P.O. Box 721, Homewood, IL. 60430: **Katy's Karmic & Cosmic Creations**. Includes thoughts concerning solutions to 20th century problems; A force of one; Free your mind; Music; Time; 2012; Instant karma; On being Irish; Symbols; Fear; Native American Spirituality; Miracles & wonders. This is a 12pg. 7" x 8 1/2" zine. She can also be contacted directly at: **Katy O'leary 1427 Campbell, Oakland, CA. 94607. On the Line, Issue #1**, Fall 2008, by Abigail D. Heart wrenching. Abigail is married to a prisoner. She talks about what it is like for her and thousands like her. As I mentioned, this is very heart wrenching while at the same time being uplifting. Includes poems and observations, such as water becoming a profit making item. 20pg. 5 1/2" x 8". She can also be contacted directly at **A. Diederich P.O. Box 602543, Cleveland, OH. 44102. Email - burningriver@inbox.com. The Crimes of Government** by Anthony Rayson (See above address for So. Chicago ABC Distro). 4 pg 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" rant on how Obama won't change anything due to him being part of the system. Too true! **Show Me the MONEY!** mini-zine. Anthony from So. Chicago ABC Distro took a couple of articles from issue #28 of SMT\$! and put them into a 16pg mini-zine that he sends to prisoners and interested people 5 1/2" x 8 1/2". **an-ar-chist**; Story of MMA (mixed martial arts) fighter and anarchist, Jeff Monson. Very interesting. 8pg 5 1/2" x 8 1/2". **The new American Dream Interview**. Interview with Anthony Rayson. 12pg 5 1/2" x 8 1/2".

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Zine World, A Readers Guide to the Underground Press #27. Review of many, many zines. Includes added things such as News & Views, Letters, who the volunteers are that review the zines. All of this is important info for zinetsters especially the address changes and classifieds section. Highly recommended. *P.O. Box 330156 Murfreesboro,*

Soviet/American Superpowerdom is a disease that strives for world dominance but ends up eviscerating its host country, eventually leaving behind an empty shell: an impoverished population, an economy in ruins, a legacy of social problems, and a huge burden of debt. The symmetries of both countries are already well-known but, it is the asymmetries that are more instructive.

When the Soviet Union went kaput, many people lost their jobs, everyone lost their savings, wages & pensions were held back for months, the value of their wages and pensions was wiped out by hyperinflation, there were shortages of food, gasoline, medicine, & consumer goods. There was a big increase in crime & violence, and yet Russian society did not collapse. How was this possible?

In many ways, aspects of the Soviet system were paradoxically resilient in the face of system wide collapse. Many institutions continued to function, living arrangements were such that people did not lose access to food, shelter or transportation and could survive even without an income. The Soviet economic system had failed as had the Communist experiment. But the Communist system when it had been functional had inadvertently achieved a high level of collapse preparedness.

The American system perpetuates a living arrangement that is very fragile and not capable of holding together through the inevitable crash. Even after the Soviet economy evaporated and the government shut down, Russians had plenty left to work with. America does not.

POST-SOVIET LESSONS FOR A POST-AMERICAN CENTURY

In 2005, Dmitri Orlov published an article called "Post-Soviet Lessons for a Post-American Century" and in 2006 formalized his thinking into the "Collapse Gap" concept (*Closing the Collapse Gap*) as well as other work can be found at www.cluborlov.com. In this article he provides examples of things that have been shown to work in the "strange, unfamiliar, post-collapse environment that we are all likely to have to confront."

One of the key insights is that one might think that when collapse happens, nothing works. That's not the case.

The old ways of doing things no longer work. Conventional goals & measures of success become irrelevant. But a different set of goals, techniques and measures of success can be brought to bear immediately and the sooner the better.

Another key insight is

Dmitri Orlov's Premise

- The Soviet Union collapsed about 17 years ago. The US will collapse (economically and politically) at some point.
- Exact dates of collapses are impossible to predict. But one of the best-known facts about empires is that they do collapse. No exceptions.
- The Soviet collapse was harder to predict because of secrecy. Many signs of trouble for the US indicate that it could collapse at any time.
- The Soviet collapse has much to teach US. The differences are just as interesting as the similarities.

Employment

USSR – Predominantly public, slowdowns, salaries delayed, massive levels of inventory, continued access/barter

US – Predominately private, shutdowns, mass layoffs, just-in-time inventory, liquidation

After Collapse

USSR – Gradual transition
US – Instant retirement

Symmetries between the Soviet Union and US

- Two post-WWII military-industrial empires
 - Predicated on technological progress & economic growth.
 - Tried to spread their ideology over the entire planet
 - Exercised political & economic control over many countries
 - Remained evenly matched for several decades
 - Eventually went bankrupt
- (These similarities justify reasoning by analogy.)

business is bad because the businesses have to store and finance it, so they try to have just-in-time inventory. After collapse a large inventory turns out to be useful because it can be bartered for other needed things when faced with the inability to obtain credit.

Prior to collapse it's good for businesses to have the right level of staffing & efficient organization. After collapse you want a gigantic, sluggish bureaucracy that can't unwind operations or lay people off fast enough through sheer bureaucratic foot-dragging. Prior to collapse what is wanted is an effective retail segment & good customer service. After collapse, you regret not having an unreliable retail segment, with shortages and long bread lines, because then people would have been forced to learn to fend for themselves instead of standing around waiting for somebody to come feed them.

None of the things mentioned have any bearing on "economic health." Prior to collapse, the macroeconomic positive is an expanding economy. After collapse, economic contraction is a given and we are forced to listen to a lot of nonsense from corporate media hacks about how we are either months or years away from economic recovery.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY THINKING IN WASHINGTON?

What are the current macroeconomic objectives coming out of Washington these days? First: growth! Having learned nothing from the last spike in commodity prices, let's do it again. That calls for economic stimulus, a.k.a. printing money. Let's see how high prices can go up this time. Perhaps this time 'round we will achieve hyperinflation. Second: stabilizing financial institutions and getting banks lending. We are just not in enough debt yet, that's the problem! We need more debt, and quickly! Third: jobs. We need to create jobs, lots of low-wage service sector jobs to replace all the high-wage manufacturing jobs that have been sent overseas the past few decades. Mainly jobs with no security or benefits. The truth is that many people could slow down the rate at

US faces many of the same problems that contributed to the Soviet collapse

- Unwinnable wars (Iraq, Afghanistan... Iran?)
- Declining oil production (Soviet oil production peaked a couple years before collapse)
- Out of control military budgets
- Unsustainable deficits & foreign debt
- Balky, corrupt, unresponsive political system, incapable of reform
- Delusions of grandeur prevent honest discussion of problems

that there are few things that are positives or negatives per se. Everything is a matter of context. It just so happens that most things that are positive prior to collapse turn out to be negatives once collapse occurs & vice versa. For example, prior to collapse having a large inventory in

which they are sinking into debt by quitting their jobs. Their jobs are a net loss for them, giving them a false sense in their ability to pay their debts which in turn encourages them to use their credit cards.

And that is what is coming out of Washington. The ship is on the

One of the most prestigious liberal think tanks regarding health reform policy. Single payer is suffering from a conspiracy of silence. Kaiser is the most culpable of the co-conspirators. Kaiser, funded initially by insurance industry money, regularly keeps single payer off the table.

The Lewin Group.

The main consulting firm for health reform studies. The Lewin Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ingenix, which is in turn owned by UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurance corporation. Lewin Group has conducted studies on single payer at the state level – and their studies consistently show that single payer is the most efficient cost saving system. But no one hears about this.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PHRMA).

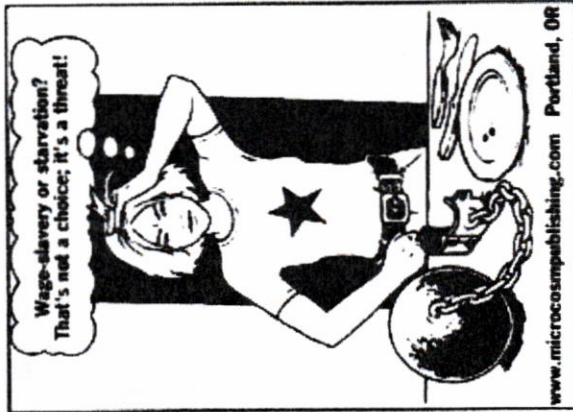
PHRMA doesn't like the idea that the government, as a single payer, will have the power to negotiate drug prices downward, thus costing the drug corporations millions in excess profits. PHRMA has infiltrated liberal sounding groups like *America's Agenda – Health Care for All*. PHRMA's Vice President for Government Affairs and Law, sits on the board of *America's Agenda* and PHRMA contributes money to the group – which has worked in recent years to undermine single payer at the state level. (*America's Agenda* won't say how much money PHRMA gives to his group). How low can you go.

Phil & Wendy Gramm – Scum of the Earth

Sure, Phil Gramm lost his position as the co-chairman of John McCain's presidential campaign when he blamed the recession on the people of the United States who he said were a "nation of whiners." Gramm, the Republican former chair of the Senate Finance Committee, authored the deregulatory legislation at the heart of the current banking meltdown, has for the six years since he left office helped lead a foreign-owned bank that specializes in tax dodges for the wealthy. These schemes by the Swiss-based UBS are blatantly illegal. In February 2009, UBS admitted to having committed fraud and conspiracy and agreed to pay a fine of \$780 million (in 2004 alone, Swiss bankers allegedly traveled to the United States approximately 3,800 times to discuss their clients' Swiss bank accounts).

Vice Chairman of UBS Gramm had been hired by the company because of his expertise in American law, some of which he wrote. As Gramm said when he was hired in 2002 by UBS, the position "will provide me with the opportunity to practice what I have





The Top 10 Enemies of Single-Payer Healthcare

For profit healthcare means profits and wealth for the corporate elite and death, disease and destruction for the people. Single payer health care is taboo for politicians to speak about. Why? Because it will bring the death penalty to their buddies in the multi-billion dollar private health insurance industry. Virtually the entire industrialized world – save for the US – makes it a crime to allow for-profit health insurance corporations to make money selling basic health insurance. To wit, here are the Top Ten Enemies of Single Payer (listed in alphabetical order):

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

AARP, one of the most powerful lobbying groups, has worked for years to defeat single payer because AARP makes about a quarter of its money selling insurance through its affiliate, United Healthcare Group, the nation's largest for-profit insurance company.

American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

The private health insurance industry. Public enemy number one. AHIP is the most aggressive opponent to single payer. No compromise with AHIP as it represents health insurance companies.

American Medical Association.

Nancy Nielsen, president of the AMA and a conservative right-wing whack-job is against a single-payer healthcare system even though a majority of doctors in the AMA are for it.

Barack Obama.

He was for it when he was a state Senator in Illinois. Now, he says single payer is off the table.

Business Roundtable.

The Business Roundtable oppose single-payer because the government should not be able to take businesses away from owners. They feel that if workers go on strike, they should lose their health insurance. They also oppose single-payer for cultural purposes – 'we don't do that kind of thing in this country' crap.

Families USA.

A major liberal foundation and long-time foe of single payer. These gutless wonders fear the GOP cries of 'socialized medicine.'

Health Care for American Now.

The largest coalition of liberal groups promoting a choice between a public plan and private insurance companies. They say, 'we can't do single payer because people don't want it.' It's just plain crap to say we can't do single payer because people don't want it. Truly, this is just plain wrong!

Kaiser Family Foundation.

rocks, the water is rising and the captain is shouting "Full speed ahead. We're off to Afghanistan!" Should you listen to the captain or jump ship? If you thought the last episode of uncontrolled debt expansion, Ponzi schemes, and economic hollowing-out was fun then this next round should be even better. Except that it won't be funny. What is crashing now is our life support system: all the systems and institutions that keep us alive. Standing around and passively watching the show is tantamount to a death wish.

Right now the economic stimulus team in Washington DC is diving down to the engine room trying to invent ways to get the engines to run on sea water. They spoke of change but in reality cling with all their might to the status quo. And the game will soon be over and they won't have a clue as to what to do next.

They should forget "growth," forget "jobs," forget "financial stability" and instead focus on food, shelter, transportation and security. The government's task should be to find a way to provide these necessities in the absence of a functioning economy, commerce at a standstill, with little or no access to imports, and to make them available to a populace that is largely penniless. If successful, society will remain largely intact and be able to begin the slow and painful process of cultural transition eventually developing a new economy, a gradually de-industrializing economy at a much lower level of resource expenditure, characterized by a lot of austerity and poverty, but in conditions that are safe, decent, and dignified. If unsuccessful, society will gradually be destroyed in a series of convulsions that will leave a defunct nation composed of many little fiefdoms. Given its largely depleted resource base, a dysfunctional, collapsing infrastructure and its history of unresolved social conflicts, the territory of the Former United States will undergo a steady process of degeneration punctuated by natural & man-made cataclysms.

LESSONS FROM THE SOVIET EXAMPLE - FOOD

Food, shelter, transportation, security. When it comes to supplying these survival necessities the Soviet Union offers valuable lessons. As mentioned earlier, in a collapse many economic negatives become positives and vice versa. Let's consider these in turn.

First – food. The Soviet agricultural sector was plagued by consistent underperformance, thanks in no small part to the legacy of the collectivization experiment carried out in the 1930s which destroyed many of the more prosperous farming households and herded people onto collective farms. Collectivization undermined ancient village-based agricultural traditions that had made pre-revolutionary Russia a well-fed place that was also the breadbasket of Western Europe. Further damage was done by the introduction of industrial agriculture. Heavy farm machinery tore up the topsoil while dosing it with chemicals, depleting and killing the biota. Eventually, the Soviet government had to turn to importing grain from countries hostile to its interests – the US and Canada – eventually expanding this to include other foodstuffs. The USSR experienced a permanent shortage of meat and other high protein foods and much of the grain that was imported was used to feed livestock in order to address that problem.

Families

USSR – Three generations under one roof, close-knit (but unhappy?), clustered geographically, accustomed to hardship

US – Singles, nuclear families, Alienated (and unhappy?), spread out geographically, feelings of entitlement

After collapse

USSR – Life goes ever on

US – Stranded among strangers

Economies are susceptible to "cascade failure"

- Unsolvability problems accumulate over time
- Compensation mechanisms are only useful to a point
- Any number of events can put the economy in a state of shock
- Multiple knock-on effects prevent the return of business as usual
- Downward slide takes on a momentum of its own
- Political system remains intact but suffers paralysis

en gardens were common and once the economy collapsed many families took to growing food in earnest. The kitchen gardens were never enough by themselves but made a huge difference.

The year 1990 was particularly tough for food. Poor though it was, the Soviet food distribution system never collapsed completely. In particular, the deliveries of bread continued even during the worst of times, partly due to bread having always been such an important part of the Russian diet and partly because access to bread symbolized the pact between the people and the communist government (enshrined in oft repeated revolutionary slogans). Most people in Russia have lived within walking distance of food shops and used public transportation to get out to their kitchen gardens which were often located in the countryside immediately surrounding the relatively dense compact cities. This combination of factors made for some very lean times but very little malnutrition and no starvation.

In the US, agriculture is heavily industrialized, relying heavily on inputs such as diesel, chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and, most importantly, financing. In the current financial climate the US finds itself in, farmers' access to financing is not at all assured. The agricultural system is efficient, but only if you regard fossil fuel energy as free. In fact, transforming fossil fuel energy (with a little help from the sun) is done to the tune of 10 calories of fossil fuel energy embodied in one calorie of consumed food. The food distribution system makes heavy use of refrigerated diesel trucks transporting food over hundreds of miles to supply markets. The food pipeline is long and thin taking only a couple of days of interruptions for supermarket shelves to be stripped bare. Many people live in communities where stores are not within walking distance, not served by public transportation, and who will be cut off from food sources once they are no longer able to drive.

Besides supermarket chains, much of the nation's nutritional needs are being met by fast food joints & convenience stores. In many rundown areas of cities, fast food is all that is available. In the very near future this trend is likely to spread to the more prosperous parts of town, including the suburbs.

Food

USSR – Kitchen gardens, local food stockpiles, home cooking culture, physically active
US – Supermarkets, food shipped in diesel trucks, fast food culture, and obesity epidemic

After collapse

USSR – Foraging and scrounging
US – Waiting to be fed

Although it was

possible to survive on the food available at the government stores the resulting diet was rather poor so people tried to supplement it with food they gathered, raised, caught or purchased at farmers markets. Kitchen

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Fast food outfits like McDonalds, which has many ways to cut costs, may prove somewhat more resilient in the face of economic collapse than supermarket chains, but they are no substitute for food security because they, too,

have virtually ceased to exist. In just 12 months, they have posted losses exceeding the profits they made in the last 25 years. Creating more debt on top of hopeless debt will only prolong the crisis. Putin said it is time to get rid of virtual money, false financial reports, and dubious credit ratings. Putin proposed a new reserve currency system to replace the obsolete unipolar world concept. Putin made it clear that Americans have proven that they cannot be trusted. You have to give him credit; Putin has an understanding of money and Americans!

Hooray! Hundreds of British workers walked off the job in February 2009, becoming part of a rising tide as the UK's economy worsens. Workers at two nuclear power plants in northern England staged wildcat strikes in support of workers at an oil refinery who had been striking. All this is due to failing banks, failing property markets, a currency in free fall and continuing layoffs and bankruptcies. Britain, as a center of international finance, is Va., a company that jeopardized lives on the likely to be hit hard by the depression. Government rescue packages for banks and car makers, costing billions in taxpayer pounds, have fueled outrage over the neglect of ordinary Britons experiencing the pain of depression.

Hooray! In Ireland, laid-off employees occupied part of a factory belonging to Waterford, the iconic crystal maker, in February 2009, which had filed bankruptcy. German railway workers mounted work stoppages that disrupted train services around the same time.

Mass layoffs across the board catapulted the US unemployment rate to 7.6% in January 2009. This is the most jobs lost in 12 months since the government began keeping records in 1939. 598,000 jobs were exterminated in January 2009. 1,772,000 jobs were exterminated over the previous 3 months, an average of 591,000 jobs per month. The current "official" unemployment rate hovers around 8.5%



What's the salary for failure? \$500,000.00, or half a million dollars, apparently. This is the punishment inflicted on the miscreants of finance who still don't view the party as being over. What thieving scum! I know many people more deserving of this kind of paycheck!

Companies that defrauded the US received new government contracts. Payments went to *Optronic GmbH* in Germany whose president tried to sell nuclear bomb parts to North Korea, *Tecnico Corp.* of Chesapeake, Va., a company that jeopardized lives on the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy; *Pinnacle Armor* of Fresno, Calif., a seller of defective body armor; *Steven Industries* of Bayonne, N.J. which defrauded the government by placing false labels on chemicals and *Chemco Industries* which illegally discharged chemicals into the St. Louis river. These slippery thieves will kill anyone to make a buck!

For those who thought it was a good thing to get rid of your land line telephone and just use your cell, think again. Major telecoms (all of which trade on Wall Street) have been, and will inevitably, cut back on repairs. Satellites will go down. Cell towers will have intermittent failures. And all those cell phones may be heading the way of the dinosaurs over the next five years. Landlines are an excellent way to avoid the eavesdropping technology (which is legal believe it or not). It still takes a warrant to tap a land line.

150,000 stores are expected to close in 2009. I guess they not too big to fail, eh?

happens in the health reform debate, a good model is Kaiser Permanente. "Come on! Give me a break! These are the same thieves NBC admits has been patient-dumping. This is the leading to more foreclosures.

Hooray! Unions estimate 2.5 million people across France participated in demonstrations on January 29, 2009 to protest against the Sarkozy administration's handling of the economic crisis. And more than 1 million people in France boycotted work one day in February to push for greater protection of jobs and wages. The strikers included tens of thousands of Parisians who marched on the city center, where baton-wielding police touched off skirmishes with the workers.

Power wielding, insatiable low-lives on Wall Street have just finished collecting \$18.4 billion in bonuses for 2008. Thieving Scum! **Hooray!** In Iceland, the government fell on January 26, 2009. Anger over the country's economic crash because of global banking thieves led to the fall of the government. In Greece, the December riots may resume. In Bulgaria, the stoppage of Russian gas deliveries aroused protest movements. In the Baltic countries and central Europe, governments are in trouble. The situation is deteriorating!

A 93-year-old man, Marvin E. Schur, suffered a slow painful death by freezing to death inside his home in Bay City, MI., days after the municipal power company restricted his use of electricity because of \$1,000 in unpaid electric bills. Neighbors discovered Schur's body and said the indoor temperature was below 32 degrees at the time. *Niiiiiiiice! You rotten corporate bastards!*

'America's shyster financial system has brought economic crisis to the world. America's wars of aggression serve no purpose except the enrichment of the military industries,' said Vladimir Putin (Russia's former President) at the Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Putin reminded them that investment banks, the pride of Wall Street,



depend on industrial agribusiness. Their food inputs – high fructose corn syrup, genetically modified potatoes, various soy-based fillers, factory farmed beef, pork and chicken, etc. – are derived from oil, two-thirds of which is imported, as well as fertilizer made from natural gas. They may be able to stay in business a little longer supplying food-that-isn't-food, but will eventually run out of inputs along with the rest of the supply chain.

Many Russians could tell how fast the economy was crashing and, based on that, decide how many rows of potatoes to plant. Could the already healthy gardening movement in the US be ramped up? Making small patches of farmland available for non-mechanical cultivation by individuals & families in increments as small as 1,000 square feet on fertile bits of land with access to rivers and streams for irrigation would be ideal. Provisions would have to be made for transportation and campsites, allowing people to undertake seasonal migrations to the land to grow food during the growing season and haul the produce back to the population centers after taking in the harvest.

Cuba has successfully converted urban parking lots (and other bits of land) to raised-bed agriculture. Instead of trucking in vegetables and other food, it is much easier to truck in soil, compost and mulch once per season. Raised highways can be closed to traffic (since there won't be much of it anyway) and used to catch water for irrigation. Rooftops and balconies can be used for hothouses, henhouses, and a variety of other agricultural uses. How difficult would this be to organize? The Cubans actually helped their government and the Russians did it despite Soviet bureaucrats. The US government could, hypothetically, head up such an effort. But there is no evidence that such an effort is being considered. Such initiatives are too low-level for our fearless leaders; if they stimulate the economy and get banks lending again the potatoes will simply grow themselves. All they need do is print more money, right?

Post-collapse environment – What comes next?

- New subsistence/barter economy emerges almost immediately
- Old capital – stocks, bonds, capital equipment, cash – all worthless. Connections, favors, access to supplies – prove to be of abiding value
- Asset stripping: assets dismantled & reused, stockpiled, or sold as scrap. Many items of value exported (especially art objects, antiques, scientific & industrial equipment)
- Elements of organized crime, former military, & former law enforcement meld into new power structures (very messy)

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Consumer Products

USSR – A cost to the government, product-based economy, shortage of products, up to you to make it work, technological heirlooms
US – Profits for the Chinese, services-based economy, shortage of money, planned obsolescence, disposable everything

After collapse

USSR – Fix it yourself
US – Recycling the trash

LESSONS FROM THE SOVIET EXAMPLE - SHELTER

How did the Russian people muddle through? In the Soviet Union, people did not own their place of residence. Everyone was assigned a place to live which was recorded

Post-collapse environment - the immediate consequences

- Social dislocation, joblessness, homelessness, despair
- Authorities no longer command respect. Law enforcement is overwhelmed, replaced by local self-defense & private security. Many laws universally ignored
- Widespread shortages of many basic commodities, especially food, fuel & medicine.
- Basic maintenance foregone or rationed. Infrastructure decays & falls. Many disasters, big & small
- No long-term planning possible. Large new projects not even considered. All successful adaptations rely on existing infrastructure & inventory

There was often a housing shortage so people often doubled up, with three generations living together. The apartments were often crowded, sometimes bordering on squalid. If people wanted to move they had to find somebody else who wanted to move and exchange rooms or apartments with them. There were always long waiting lists for apartments and children often grew up, got married, and had children before getting a place of their own.

These may all seem like negatives, but consider the flip side. The high population density made this living arrangement very affordable. With several generations living together, families were on hand to help each other. Grandparents provided daycare so their children could do other things. Apartment buildings were always built near public transportation, so reliance on private cars was not necessary to get around. Apartment buildings are relatively cheap to heat and municipal services easy to provide and maintain due to short runs of pipe and electrical cables. Most importantly, after the economy collapsed and many people lost their jobs (and those who still had jobs didn't get paid for months), lost their savings and had the value of their wages destroyed by hyperinflation, there were no foreclosures, no evictions; municipal services such as heat, water (sometimes hot water) and electricity continued to be provided, and everyone had their families close by.

Also, because it was so hard to relocate, people generally stayed in one place for generations, so they tended to know all the people around them. After the economic collapse, there was a large spike in the crime rate. This made it very helpful to be surrounded by people who weren't strangers and could keep an eye on things. Lastly, in an

Housing

- **USSR** - owned by state
 - **US** - owned by banks/corporations
 - **USSR** - free rent
 - **US** - foreclosures/evictions
 - **USSR** - accessible by public transportation
 - **US** - largely inaccessible except by car
- After collapse**
- **USSR** - everyone stays put
 - **US** - flood of refugees from suburbia

on the person's internal passport (much like the federal ID card idea being bandied about in the US). People could not be dislodged from their place of residence as long as they lived. Since most people in Russia live in cities the place of residence was usually an apartment or a room in a communal apartment with a shared kitchen and bathroom.

Interesting twist, the Soviet housing arrangement delivered a final windfall: in the 1990s, all the apartments were privatized thus those who lived in them suddenly became the owners of some very valuable real estate free and clear. The situation in the

Fun Facts

In 2008, there were approximately 48 million people in America with no health insurance and another 25-30 million more who were under-insured, according to the National Coalition on Health Care.

One in 10 Californians are out of work thanks to thieving scum CEOs and the right-wing nut-job state government.

A record 31.8 million people are on food stamps. There was a record increase of 700,000 food stamp recipients in February 2009 alone.

In February 2009 General Motors offered *retirement incentives* to 22,000 workers in order to save money. It doesn't take a mental giant to see the writing on the wall here. After these people take early retirement,

GM will renege on its promises (as so many rotten corporations have done in the past) leaving these people - good hardworking, reliable people - who have spent most of their lives working for this corporation to fend for themselves. *What low-life, bottom feeding scum!*

Eight years ago, President Bush filled his cabinet with former CEOs. Those CEOs have now exited the scene doing what CEOs do best - cashing in. Of 24 former Bush cabinet secretaries 17 have gotten highly paid positions with companies that lobby the federal government - and 15 are working with companies that lobby their former agencies. By using their government positions as springboards to new lucrative opportunities, they have successfully made small fortunes on the backs of working people. Proof that rich thieves have always had their hands on the levers of power.

Rotten Low-life's! The new Congress sworn into office has a lot of new faces - and plenty of money. Newly elected thieving lawmakers hold a median net worth of \$1.8 million, twice the \$815,000 median for returning incumbents. The new blood in Congress is



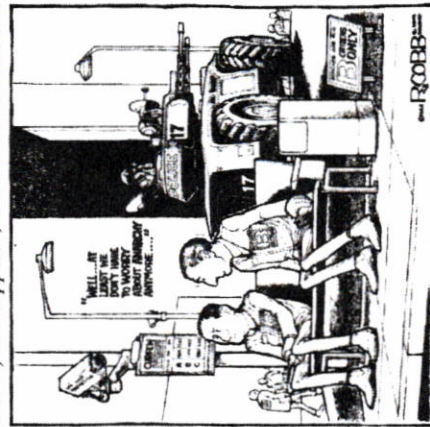
mostly blueblood (this blood coming from working people). Be assured, these greedy filth do not have the average persons interest at heart.

Northern Trust bank, which got more than \$1.5 billion in federal bailout money, was busted by the TV show TMZ which had photos and video of events that coincided with the PGA Northern Trust Open at the Riviera Country Club in LA. This included renting out a hangar at the Santa Monica Airport and hiring the band Earth, Wind & Fire to perform, plus renting out the House of Blues and paying Sheryl Crow to perform. The band Chicago, which played at another Northern Trust event at the Ritz, told TMZ that the bank paid them \$100,000 for the show. Thieving CEOs never stop thieving.

Baby Boomers and Seniors Caught in the Financial Meltdown. These two groups don't have the option to wait out the economic crisis. The housing meltdown, market meltdown and rising costs of everything from food to medicine have ruined seniors' "golden years," and worse, put them into deep debt. *Exactly what the economic system is meant to do!*

NBC's 'Good Model' for Healthcare NBC Nightly News' anchor *Brian Williams* offered some advice regarding healthcare, "It is already running here in the US," he said. Correspondent *Robert Bazell* carried it further: "Many experts agree that whatever

BlueScope Steel	53	Ruud Lighting	50
UJA Federation of NY	52	Mercy Hospitals	50
BP Amoco	52	Robinson Helicopters	50
Colton Schools	52	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette	50
Cirrus Design	52	Renewable Environmental Services	50
Buffalo News	52	Apple Computer	50
Alexa Pharmaceuticals	52	Changing World Technologies	50
Hamilton Health Sciences	51	Columbia Forest Products	50
Pilkington North America	51	Apple Valley School District	50
Playboy Enterprises	51	Jackson Laboratory	50
Richardson Manufacturing	51	Applied Materials/Austin	50
Santa Cruz Schools	51	HiRel Systems	50
LLDS Test & Measurement	51	Gibson Guitar	50
Creative Memories	50	Grand Sierra Resort - Reno	50
Malibu-Kahlua International Co.	50	Ft. Wayne, Indiana Schools	50
MPG	50	Canadian National Railroad	50
NATCO	50	Meyers Industries	50
Boston Globe	50	Forbes Media	50
Feld-Wen	50	Mason Companies	50
Eclipse Manufacturing	50	Ingram Micro Canada	50
K&M Machine	50	Apache Junction School District	50
Lexington Paper	50	Nomura	50
City of Mansfield	50	RTS Packaging	50
Drug Fair HQ	50		
Moen Inc.	50	The above is just a partial listing of the hundreds of thousands of layoffs that have occurred since last issue. Unfortunately, this time around, many of the companies listed above have closed never to be heard from again. These are only the layoffs that have been reported! Many companies refuse to report the number of people they fire or layoff! Many of the above jobs have been eliminated, sent overseas to Mexico, India or China (this continues in the midst of the economic meltdown). This listing does not cover those who have accepted early retirement, buyouts or lay-offs of 50 and less, for there are far too many. Remember, when a job disappears, so does the health care.	
Vallourec & Mannesmann Tubes Corp.	50		
Fish & Richardson Law Firm	50		
Hobart Food Equipment	50		
Indianapolis Diversified Machining	50		
North Medical	50		
Matson Navigation Co.	50		
Owens Corning Guelph Plant	50		
Fidelity Investments, Ireland	50		
Northern Maine Medical Center	50		
Warnaco Group Inc.	50		
Calpine Corp.	50		
Xiotech Corp.	50		
Biotag AB	50		
NY Dept. of Corrections	50		
Pacal Industries	50		
Peanut Corp. of America	50		
UPS Aircraft Mechanics	50		
Gold Country Casino	50		
Thermadyne	50		
Albemarle Corp.	50		
Vail Resort VRI	50		
McPhillips Manufacturing	50		
Parsons Co.	50		
Harvard Endowment	50		
Woonsocket, RI. School District	50		
Goetech Global Fabrication	50		
Forrester Research	50		
Lab Safety	50		
Hotels.com	50		
Tegant Corp.	50		



US, in recent months, has shown that many people are now reconciled to the fact that their house is not an ATM machine nor is it a nest egg. They already know they will not be able to comfortably retire by selling it. Nor will they be able to get rich by fixing it up and flipping it. Many people have acquiesced to the fact that housing prices are going to continue heading lower. How much lower? Many believe there must be a lower limit, a "realistic" price. After all, everybody needs a place to live.

True, some sort of shelter is necessary, be it an apartment, dorm room, barracks, camper, tent, teepee, wigwam, shipping container, etc., etc. There is no reason to believe a suburban single-family house is in any sense a requirement. It is little more than a cultural preference, and a very shortsighted one at that. Most suburban houses are expensive to heat & cool, inaccessible by public transportation, expensive to hook up to public utilities because of long runs of pipe and electrical cable and require a great deal of public expenditure for roads, bridges, highway maintenance, school buses traffic enforcement and other nonsense. They often take up what was once valuable farm land. They promote a car-centric culture that is destructive of urban environments, causing the proliferation of dead downtowns. Many families that live in suburban houses can no longer afford to live in them and expect others to bail them out.

As this living arrangement becomes unaffordable for all concerned it will become unlivable. Municipalities and public utilities will not have the funds to spend on sewer, water, electricity, road & bridge repair and police. Without cheap & plentiful gasoline, natural gas and heating oil, many suburban dwellings will become both inaccessible and unlivable. The inevitable result will be a mass migration of suburban refugees toward more survivable, more densely settled cities and towns. Luckier ones will find friends or family to stay with; for the rest it would be helpful to improvise some solution.

An obvious answer is to re-purpose ever-plentiful vacant office buildings and strip malls for residential use. Converting them to dormitories is pretty straightforward. Many of them already have kitchens and bathrooms, plenty of partitions and furniture, all that is missing are beds. The new subsistence economy will not produce the large surpluses necessary for sustaining these structures. The businesses that once occupied these offices are not coming back, might as well find new and better uses for them.

Another category of real estate that is likely to go unused and can be re-purposed for communities is college campuses. The American four year college is an institution of dubious merit. It exists because American public schools fail to teach in 12 years

Education

USSR - Public and free, 8 grades generally enough, children walk to school, small neighborhood schools
US - Crippling student loans, 12+4 years produces many semi-illiterates, children bused or chauffeured to schools

After collapse

USSR - "The lost generation"
US - Illiteracy and ignorance

Medicine

USSR - Public, free basic care, focused on basic care and prevention
US - Private, medicine for profit, focused on geriatrics, chronic cases, oncology, emergency medicine, psycho-pharmacology, plastic surgery

After collapse

USSR - Basic care
US - Folk remedies

Energy

USSR – Self-sufficient, surplus, exports, government owned, price controls
US – Imports 65% of oil and much of its natural gas, dwindling domestic production, privately supplied, profiteering

After collapse

USSR – Shortages, rationing
US – “Market failure,” black market

Perhaps this will provide the impetus to do something about the public education system.

College campuses make perfect community centers: there are dormitories for newcomers, fraternities and sororities for more settled residents and plenty of grand public buildings that can be put to a variety of uses. On top of this, college campuses normally contain the usual wasteland of mowed grass that can be re-purposed to grow food (or at the very least, hay, and to graze cattle). Perhaps some enlightened administrators or faculty members will fall upon this idea once they see admissions flat-lining and endowments dropping to zero, without any need for government involvement.

LESSONS FROM THE SOVIET EXAMPLE - TRANSPORTATION

It will be important that people don't get stranded in places that are not survivable. Provision will then be necessary for seasonal migrations to places where people can grow, catch or gather their own food and then back to places where they can survive the winter without freezing to death or going stir-crazy from cabin fever. Lastly, some amount of freight will have to be moved in order to get food to population centers, as well as enough coal and firewood to keep the pipes from freezing in the remaining habitable dwellings.

All of this hinges on the availability of fuels and it's very probable that transportation fuels will be in both short supply and very expensive before too long. From about 2005 until the middle of 2008, global oil had been holding steady, unable to grow materially. Production had reached its peak due to the actual existing amounts of oil in the ground. An all time record for production was set in 2005 and then again in 2008 after a period of record high oil prices. Then, as the financial collapse gathered speed, oil and other commodities prices collapsed (along with oil production). More recently the oil markets have come to rest on a “bumpy plateau”: oil prices are bumping along at around \$40 per barrel and can't seem to go any lower. Thus it would appear that oil

Transportation

USSR – Public, continues to run, compact cities along railways & a maintainable infrastructure
US – Private, mostly cars & trucks, breaks down due to fuel shortages, sprawl, dead downturns, more potholes than roads

After collapse

USSR – continues to run
US – Walking, peddling bicycles, pushing shopping carts

what Russian public

schools manage to teach in eight. It is highly likely that fewer and fewer people will become able to afford college due to meager job prospects after graduation making those considering college bad risks for any type of student loans.

production costs have risen to a point where it doesn't make economic sense to sell oil below this price.
 Obviously, \$40 per barrel is a good deal for US consumers at the moment. However, hyperinflation lurks just around the corner,

Husch Blackwell Sanders Law Firm	62	Dry Creek School District	60
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Flowerserve Corp.	62	Swings Restaurant	60
Reef Sunset Schools	62	NY Bedford School District	60
Old Second National Bank	62	WebMedia Brands Inc.	60
REI Sports	61	Edwards Law Firm	60
Hamilton Co. KY, Sheriff's Office	61	Dawn Food Products	59
The Ottawa Hospital	61	Brown Shoe Co.	59
Wausauke Compotes	61	Richmond Times Dispatch	59
Lorman Education Services	61	Manchester Trailer	59
National Oilwell Varco Factory	61	Buckhorn Inc.	58
Corning Ware	61	Acciona Wind Turbine Plant	58
O'Neil Product Development	61	Riverside Furniture	58
Sandridge Energy	60	City of San Leandro	58
Owens Corning Selkirk Plant	60	Bryan Cave LLP	58
Alcan, KY	60	ComMed Corp.	58
Lincoln Industries	60	Suncast & Exopack	58
Gardere Wynne Sewell Law Firm	60	Orange County Probation	58
Frank Chevan Lumber Mill	60	Rancho Cordova Health Net	58
Kirsch Foundry Inc.	60	Polymer Group	58
New York Jets employees	60	Hytrol Conveyor Co.	58
Boston Police Dept.	60	Jimmy Z Surf Co.	58
Torstar Corp.	60	Pacific Sunwear of California Inc.	57
Mythic Entertainment	60	Stafford Mills	57
Spot Runner	60	Finch Paper	57
Gaffney Bearings	60	Carlisle Transmission Products	57
Sisters of Charity Health System	60	White Electronic Design	56
Belden	60	Sierra Wireless Inc.	56
Principal Financial Group	60	Nixon Peabody Law Firm	56
Siroh Die Casting	60	Fairpoint Communications	56
WMH Tool Group	60	Capeemini Energy	56
Hufcor	60	Capital Mercury Apparel Ltd.	56
Yeshiva University	60	Certainseed	55
Apache Gold Casino	60	Asarco Temp	55
Dartmouth College	60	Rayonier Lumber Mill	55
Tellus	60	City of San Bernardino	55
Shapton Corp.	60	Emerson Power Transmission	55
Berryville Graphics	60	Wilson Trailer	55
American Enterprise Group Inc.	60	Atlantic Tool & Die	55
Crispin Porter	60	AMTEC Corp.	55
Butler County, OH	60	Universal McCann	55
Kerry Inc.	60	Andover Schools	55
Bloomberg News	60	The Homac Companies	54
Wausau Paper	60	US Olympic Committee	54
Kuhn North America	60	Des Moines Schools	54
Woodbridge Group	60	Baldwin Filters	54
Sulphur Springs School District	60	Columbia St. Mary's	54
OxyChem	60	Printonix	54
Peddinghaus Corp.	60	US Magnesium	54
SunPower	60	Chesco Trucking	54
TRW Automotive	60	Tampa Tribune	53
NBC Universal	60	Sutter Medical Center	53
Progress Vanguard	60	Lexington Herald-Leader	53
American Enterprise Institute	60	IDEAL Industries Inc.	53
Bing Metals Assembly in Detroit	60	Lowenstein Sandler	53

Merced City School District	75	Ford Motor Co.	70
Oxyvinyl Plant	75	Georgia Pacific Corp.	70
Equistar Chemicals	75	Merillat Cabinets	70
Ashland Auto Group in KY.	75	Victoria & Co.	70
Western Forge	75	Universal Parks & Resorts - Orlando	70
DPL Corp.	75	Wuapaca Foundry	70
Berry Plastics	75	Peoria School District	70
IPSCO	75	PeaceHealth	70
Leo Burnett USA	75	YRC Worldwide Trucking	70
West Liberty Foods	75	Salinas School District	70
Main & Atlantic Railroad	75	Bridgewater-Raynham Schools	70
Cranston Print	75	GE Energy	70
Parkdale Mills	75	Oneida	70
Citigo Petroleum Corp.	75	Jackson Hughston Hospital	70
Trail King Trailers	75	Northfield Laboratories Inc.	69
Sierra Pine	75	Universal Brixius	69
Nippon Paper Mill	75	Katten Muchin Rosenman Law Firm	69
Metropolitan Museum of Art	74	Toho Tenax	69
Momentive Performance Materials	74	Finning Canada	69
AFS Keystone	74	Chief Industries	69
Goodwin Procter Law Firm	74	Belmont County Sheriff's Dept.	68
Cascade Healthcare Community	74	Gates Corp.	68
Cartus	74	Phoenix Technologies	68
Providence Journal Co.	74	Coca-Cola Service Center	68
City of St. Louis	73	Sesame Street	67
Integrus Health	73	Square D Manufacturing	67
Eagle Precision Technologies	72	Weyerhaeuser - Dallas	67
Laing Homes	72	S. Abraham & Sons Inc.	67
Book-Mart Press	72	Weyerhaeuser - Buckhannon	66
WearGuard	72	Pepsi Bottling Plant	66
Courier Corp.	72	Henshue Construction	66
LECG Corp.	72	Day Pitney Law Firm	66
Amex Assurance	72	Kobelco	66
Raleigh, NC. Super Kmart	71	Pacon Corp.	65
Commercial Vehicle Group	71	MassMutual	65
ChemRX	71	Tracht Building Systems	65
Marathon Equipment Co.	71	Marysville School District	65
Syracuse, NY Schools	70	St. Edward Mercy Health	64
Crane & Co.	70	Venable Law Firm	64
Schooner Petroleum	70	Sylvan Union School District	64
Winsert Inc.	70	Rosenboom Machine & Tool Inc.	64
Alcan Baltek	70	Wisconsin Box	64
NCSoft	70	Oregon City Schools	63
Timbar Packaging & Display	70	Standex	63
Stevens Graphics Inc.	70	Appleton Coated	63
Thermo King	70	EMD chemicals	63
Razorfish in Seattle	70	Durham School Services	63
SFI in OH.	70	Fresno Bee	63
Dart Container	70	John Zink	63
City of Greenwich, CT.	70	Austal USA	62
Lima Ford Engine Plant	70	Multi-Color Corp.	62
Celina Aluminum Precision Technology	70	The Penn Traffic Co.	62
New South Federal Savings Bank	70	Galpin Ford	62
Etowah Foundry	70	Emerson Network Computing	62
Winnebago County	70	FirstFed Financial Corp.	62

thanks to the money printing extravaganza currently underway in Washington. So, \$40 could easily become \$400 could easily become \$4,000 a barrel, swiftly pricing US consumers out of the international oil market. Add to this that exporting countries would balk at the idea of trading their oil for increasingly worthless currency and would start demanding payment in kind, that is, in some sort of tangible export commodity, which the US, with its manufacturing base in shambles and in its current economic state, would be hard pressed to provide in any great quantity. Domestic oil production is in permanent decline and can provide only about a third of current needs. This means there will be widespread hoarding, lots of gasoline will simply disappear into the atmosphere - vented from jerricans and improvised storage containers. The rest will disappear into the black market and much fuel will be wasted driving around looking for someone willing to part with a little bit of gas for some small but critical mission.

So what's the best way to get little critical missions accomplished in spite of chronic fuel shortages? Bikes and cargo bikes are a good adaptation. Sailboats which can cover huge distances without the use of fossil fuels (but are restricted to coastlines and navigable waterways). Sailboats will be hampered by the lack of dredging and bridges that refuse to open due to inevitable budget shortfalls and lack of maintenance funds, but ancient maritime techniques & improvisations can be brought to bear to solve such problems, all very low-tech and inexpensive.

Cars and trucks will not disappear entirely. But some reasonable adaptations can be brought to bear. Banning the sales of new cars is one of them. First, older cars are over all more energy-efficient than new cars because the massive amount of energy that went into manufacturing them is more highly amortized. Second, large energy savings come from the shutdown from an entire industry devoted to designing, building, marketing and financing new cars. Third, older cars require more maintenance which reinvests the local economy at the expense of foreign car manufacturers thus helping to reduce the trade deficit. Fourth, this will create a shortage of cars translating automatically into shorter & fewer car trips, high passenger occupancy per trip and more bicycling and use of public transportation which saves even more energy. Lastly, this would allow the car to become obsolete on the same time scale as the oil industry which made it possible. We will run out of cars just as we run out of gas.

The US government's actions regarding transportation haven't been of much help (or sense). The latest idea bandying about Washington is that of subsidizing the sales of new cars. The idea of making cars more

The Soviet Union was much better prepared for economic collapse than the US is. What are the alternatives?

- 👉 A big government effort
- 👉 A private sector solution
- 👉 Boondoggles to the rescue!
- 👉 Do It Yourself

(Not all problems have solutions)

**Closing the Collapse Gap-
Big government effort?**

- 👉 Not a particularly capable, competent or caring government (9-11, Iraq, Katrina, etc.)
- 👉 People don't trust the government (wonder why)
- 👉 Concerted effort is unlikely (little understanding of the scope of the problem & resistance from Right-Wingers)
- 👉 Will try to avert/delay collapse rather than prepare for it.
- 👉 Which may actually accelerate it (remember Gorbachev's Perestroika)

(Not a realistic plan)

Closing the Collapse Gap- A Private Sector solution?

- ☞ Eliminate need for suppliers
- ☞ Eliminate need for profits
- ☞ Eliminate need for cash flow
- ☞ Eliminate need for customers
- (Won't happen in a thousand years.
Not a realistic plan)

it; per passenger fuel efficiency has been increased by a factor of 20 or so. Mexicans have done extensive research in this area with excellent results.

Another excellent idea is making it illegal not to pick up hitchhikers. Cars with vacant seats are flagged down matching them up with people who need a lift. Another idea: since passenger rail service is in such sad shape (and it is unlikely that funds will be found to improve it) why not bring back the venerable institution of riding the rails by requiring freight companies to provide a few empty boxcars for hobos. The energy cost of the additional weight is negligible; hobos don't require stops because they jump on & off and only a couple of cars per train would ever be needed because hobos are infinitely compressible and can even ride on the roof if necessary. One final transportation idea: start breeding donkeys. Horses are finicky and expensive, but donkeys are very cost-effective, make good pack animals and eat almost anything.

LESSONS FROM THE SOVIET EXAMPLE - SECURITY

And so we come to the issue of security. Post-collapse Russia suffered from a serious crime wave. Ethnic mafias ran rampant; veterans who served in Afghanistan went into business for themselves. There were numerous contract killings, muggings and murders went unsolved left & right. The place just wasn't safe.

However, once collapse occurred it was also possible to rent a policeman either for a special occasion or just to follow you around. It is even possible to hire a soldier or two, armed with AK-47s, to help you run various errands. Not only is it possible, it's often a very good idea, especially if you have something valuable and don't want to part with it. If you can't afford their services then you should try to be friends with them and be helpful to them in various ways. Although their demands may seem exorbitant at times it is still a good idea to do all you can do to keep them on your side. For example, they may at some point insist that you and your family move out to the garage so they can live in your house. This may be upsetting at first, but then is it such a good idea to live in a big house by yourselves with so many armed men running around? It might make sense

Closing the Collapse Gap- Boondoggles to the Rescue!

The Soviet Union achieved a higher level of collapse preparedness through sheer negligence and poor economic performance.

- ☞ Housing shortages
- ☞ Food shortages
- ☞ Bureaucratic foot-dragging
- ☞ Massive waste & inefficiency
- ☞ Rampant corruption
- ☞ Misuse of government property

All of these helped the people prepare for collapse mentally & physically, & gave them something to work with once it occurred.

Rogers Corp.	90	Craftex Mills	80
Bass Pro	90	Excel Polymers	80
Harman-Becker Auto Systems	90	Heil/Fr. Payne, AL.	80
Clipper Windpower	90	IC Auto Parts	80
X-Rite Inc.	90	City of Winnipeg	80
Liberty Homes	90	Hanford Waste Treatment Plant	80
Freeseale Semiconductor	90	Bechtel National	80
Cochman Industries	90	Nabors Drilling	80
Fry's Foods (AZ.)	90	Hadassah	80
Dean Health Systems	90	Rome, GA, Super Kmart Store	80
Spokane Hospital	90	Nl. Turnpike	80
Carlyle & Co.	90	Bronco Communications	80
California Redwood Co.	90	Tenneco Automotive	80
Maysteel	89	Facet Biotech Corp.	80
City of Springfield, Mass.	89	New Jersey Turnpike Authority	80
Blue Cross of Northeastern PA.	89	Financial Times	80
Sidley Austin Law Firm	89	APX Alarm Systems	80
City of Des Moines, IA.	88	Certainteed Plant	80
Memphis, TN, Regional Med. Center	88	Aradco & Aramco Stamping Plants	80
Shiloh Industries	87	Voisard	80
Harrigan Lumber	87	Breakwater Resources Myra Falls Mine	80
Annex	87	Johnson Controls	80
Alston Bird Law Firm	86	Allegris Group HQ	80
GE Solar	86	Brillion Iron Works Foundry	80
American Diabetes Association	86	Ostis Therapeutics	80
Standard-Thompson Plant	86	Anheuser-Busch Warehouse	80
Franklin Resources	85	MGP Ingredients Inc.	79
NGK Ceramics USA in NC.	85	International Auto Components	79
Pella Corp.	85	Trane Co.	79
WNET.org	85	Blank Rome Law Firm	79
Lozier Corp.	85	Noble Metal Processing	79
Green Diamond Resources	85	WR Case & Sons Cutlery	78
Rea Magnet	85	Kings Delight Food Co.	78
Auto Truck Transport USA Inc.	84	Fraiser Papers	78
Izzydesign	84	News & Observer	78
William Beaumont Hospital	84	Providence Journal	78
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center	83	Taylor Made Glass Systems	78
Medina Blanking Inc.	83	Rochester, MN, Schools	78
Napa Valley School District	82	Fireside Bank	77
Charlotte Observer	82	Golden Moon Casino	77
Montana Tunnels Mine	82	Sears/Oshkosh Store	77
Sitel Telemarketing	82	Delta Faucets	77
Lozier	82	Elgiloy Specialty Metals	77
Flint Journal	82	Wheeling Island Hotel/Casino	77
JW Peters Inc.	81	Claremont Resort	77
Aero Metals	81	FBI Financial Group	76
THK Manufacturing	81	Intertex	76
Wausau Homes	81	Filtration Group Inc.	76
Lowe's Warehouse	81	Canaccord Capital Inc.	75
Celestica Inc.	81	American Eagle Pilots	75
Emark	80	Toledo, OH, Police	75
Vero Beach Schools	80	Weyerhaeuser - Albany, OR	75
Chrysler Financial	80	Backyard Adventures	75
Veeh	80	Ingersoll Rand	75
City of Stockton, CA.	80	Toledo, OH, Police Dept.	75

Western Assets	100	Zenith National Insurance	100
City of Woonsocket, RI	100	Oscient Pharmaceuticals	100
Miniature Precision Components Inc.	100	TitanX	100
Whistler Backcomb Ski School	100	Art Gallery of Ontario	100
Acushnet Co.	100	Miami University	100
Applied Micro Circuits	100	W.A. State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife	100
Doner Ad Agency	100	Columbia County, GA. Schools	100
Grande Cache Coal	100	Stanley Furniture	100
Sweetwater School District	100	Superior Toyota/Scion - Oakland	100
Ingram Micro USA	100	Excela Health	100
Caltech	100	J. Crew	100
Visotech	100	Hufcor Inc.	100
Millennium Inorganic Chemicals	100	Concord Steel	100
Grand Junction Steel	100	City of Kansas City	100
PC Connection	100	ICM	98
Flexsys	100	Derby Cellular	98
AAP	100	Carrier	98
Terex Utilities	100	RJ American	98
Rexnord LLC	100	Union Railroad	97
East Penn Manufacturing	100	Michelin Tires	95
Dutchmen Manufacturing	100	Komatsu	95
Comdata	100	Michaels Stores HQ	95
Pella Corp.	100	Haynes International	95
Crenlo Manufacturing	100	Perfumania	95
Viscotech	100	Tahoe Truckee School District	95
Vermont Castings	100	T-Shirt International	94
Chicago Federal Reserve Bank	100	Asante Health System	94
Areva Uranium Mine	100	GroupM	93
De Beers UK	100	Bolthouse Farms Inc.	93
Armstrong Wood Products	100	Sitel Call Center - Madison	93
Fox Interactive Media	100	Atlanta Journal Constitution	93
Tarmac Corp.	100	Hogan Hartson Law Firm	93
Fayette County Schools	100	IFAS	93
Johns Manville	100	Harrison Steel	92
Frankford Hospitals	100	Alcalanes Union High School District	92
Lucaya Resort-Grand Bahamas	100	Williamsburg Manufacturing	92
Eagle Wings Industry	100	Harrison Medical Center	91
San Jose Airport	100	Janesville Acoustics	91
Caltech	100	Quicksilver Inc.	91
Michaels Stores Inc.	100	Louisiana Pacific Railroad	91
5 Boston Law Firms	100	Ceradyne	91
Blount International Inc.	100	Chicago Tribune	90
GE Pittsfield Plant	100	ESAB	90
St. Mary's Corp.	100	Aavid Thermalloy	90
Arctic Cat	100	Trelleborg	90
Hennepin County Medical Center	100	Guilford County, NC. Schools	90
Hytrol Conveyor Co.	100	Horus Interactive	90
Avco Industries	100	Synta Pharmaceuticals	90
Precision Coil	100	Ainak Inc.	90
Genie Industries	100	Newark School District	90
Fort Erie Racetrack	100	DRS Technology	90
SPX Corp. in Owatonna, MN.	100	Cranston Schools	90
Scopus Video Networks	100	La Jolla Pharmaceuticals	90
Boise, ID. School District	100	Ashley Furniture	90
Clark Atlanta University	100	ABB	90

to station some of them right there in your house so that they can have a base of operations from which to maintain a watch and patrol the neighborhood.

Looking at the changes already occurring - auto industries going belly up, the granting of amnesties to prisoners (because the US has the world's largest prison population and will not be able to afford to keep so many people locked up), the dismantling of some of the overseas military bases

(there are currently over 2,000 of them) outside of the planned side-trip to Afghanistan - all this simply because of the lack of funds as the federal and state governments go broke. This will transform American society in pretty predictable ways. As municipalities run out of money, police "protection" will evaporate. But policemen still have to eat and will find ways to use their skills on a freelance basis. Similarly, as military bases around the world are shut down, soldiers will be returning to a country that will not be able to integrate them back into civilian life. Paroled prisoners will find themselves in the same predicament.

So - former soldiers, former police and former prisoners: a big happy family with a few bad apples & some violent tendencies. The end result will be a country awash with various categories of armed men most of them unemployed and many of them borderline psychotic. The police in the US are a troubled group. Many of them lose touch with people who are not "on the force" and have developed an us-versus-them mentality. Many soldiers returning from a tour of duty suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Paroled prisoners suffer from a variety of psychological ailments as well. All of them will,

Closing the Collapse Gap

A few things the government might do if it suddenly decided to make itself useful!

- ☛ Mothball all nuclear reactors (since nobody knows how to dismantle them)
- ☛ Move spent nuclear fuel from storage tanks to some place safer
- ☛ Dismantle & destroy nuclear weapons systems before they fall into the wrong hands
- ☛ Dismantle & clean up military bases around the world. Repatriate the troops instead of leaving them stranded in hostile lands. Disband the military. re-organize it as local self-defense units
- ☛ Speed the cleanup of toxic waste sites, abandoned mines, & nuclear reservations to prevent the environmental catastrophes that are still preventable.
- ☛ Put together a comprehensive prisoner amnesty program before prisons have to be shut down due to lack of funds. Provide released prisoners with free room & board to prevent a crime wave.
- ☛ Announce a jubilee - forgiveness of all debts, since they will not be payable in any case

Closing the Collapse Gap- Do It Yourself - The Don't's!

- ☛ Don't stoke the fires of economic progress & prosperity. Pull your money out of the financial markets. Put your savings into durable objects of lasting value. Pull wealth out of circulation.
- ☛ Eliminate debt & reduce your dependence on a steady income.
- ☛ Don't strive for economic achievement Optimize for maximum free time, independence & limited responsibility. Don't work too hard or too many hours
- ☛ Don't participate in the economy unnecessarily. Buy as little as you can. Reuse as much as you can. Reduce your physical needs. Make plans to reduce them further

Closing the Gap – it's up to you!

- ⑧ Soviet collapse was absolutely horrible for most people. Many of them died. When the US economy collapses it will be much worse.
- ⑧ It took Russia 10 years to recover. The US will not have the resources that allowed Russia to recover (energy for export, economically intact neighbors)
- ⑧ Further economic growth is neither possible nor desirable. Modern industrial economy is not required for cultural or spiritual growth and poses a threat to human survival
- ⑧ Reliance on doomed institutions is harmful. Government is already useless. The Commercial sector will become useless quickly. Since they will be useless to you, you can start being useless to them ahead of time

use of the weapons training and other professional skills in order to obtain the things they need to survive. The really important point to remember is that they will do these things whether or not anyone thinks it legal for them to be doing so.

Again, very few things are good or bad per se, everything needs to be considered in a context. And, in a post-collapse world, worrying about whether something is good or bad may be a good thing. In the midst of a collapse, there will be no time to deliberate, legislate, interpret, and set precedents. Worrying about pleasing a complex and expensive legal system is the last thing needed to worry about.

Some legal impediments are small and trivial, but they can be quite annoying nonetheless. A homeowner's Association might, say, want to give you a ticket or seek a court order against you for not mowing your lawn or for keeping livestock in your garage or for the nice windmill you erected on a hill you don't own without first getting a building permit or some municipal busybody might try to get you arrested for demolishing a certain derelict bridge because it was interfering with boat traffic – you know, little things like that. However, if the Association is aware that you have a large number of well-armed, mentally unstable friends some of whom still wear military and police uniforms for old time's sake, then they probably won't give you that ticket or seek that court order.

Or suppose the government starts being difficult about moving things and people in and out of the country, or wants to take too much of a cut from commercial transactions. Or perhaps your state or town decides to conduct its own foreign policy and the federal government sees fit to interfere. Then it may be a good thing if someone has the firepower to bring the government, or whatever shreds remain of it, to its senses and convince it to be reasonable and play nice.

Or perhaps you want to start a community health care clinic so you can provide some relief to people who wouldn't otherwise have healthcare. You don't dare call yourself a doctor because these people are suspicious of doctors because doctors are always trying to rob them of their life's savings. But suppose you've had some medical training you received in, say, Cuba, and you are quite able to handle a Caesarian or appendectomy, to suture wounds, treat infections, set bones and so on. You also want to be able to distribute opiates that your friends in Afghanistan periodically send you. Well, going through all the licensing boards and getting the certifications, permits and malpractice insurance is all completely unnecessary provided you can surround yourself with a lot of well-armed, well-trained, mentally unstable friends.

sooner or later, realize their problems are not medical but rather political. This will make it impossible for society to exercise control over them. All of them will be making good

Nevada State Prison-Carson City	130	International Paper	114
Parker Hannifin Corp.	130	Latitude Corp.	113
Wildwood Industries	130	Boise Cascade	113
Champion Laboratories	130	Wilson Sonsini Law Firm	113
Texas Youth Commission	130	Ferris Baker Watts	113
Cymex Inc.	130	Avis Budget Group	112
Latarge SA	130	K&L Gates Law Firm	111
TNS Custom Research Call Center	129	Capital Gazette Newspapers	111
DeBeers Diamond Mine	128	Court Valve Co.	111
Sacramento Bee	128	Unilever	110
Cummins Filtration	127	Eramet Marietta	110
Ravenna Foundry	125	Esroc Cement Plant	110
Dechert Law Firm	125	Gastro Valley School District	110
Norfolk Southern Railroad	125	City of Chula Vista, CA.	110
Resurrection Healthcare	125	Cainbro Corp.	110
Office Depot Distribute Ctr., Orlando	125	Sauer Danfoss	110
Baker & McKenzie Law Firm	124	Mazda North America	110
New Lennox, SD Teachers	122	Mastercraft Boat Co.	110
Hartford, CT, Schools	122	Getty Images	110
Philadelphia Furniture Mfg. Co.	122	Arbitron Inc.	110
King & Spalding Law Firm	122	Country Fresh Dairy	110
Ceco closes plant	120	MJ Softe Textile Plant	107
Mueller Brass	120	Della Apparel Inc.	107
W.A. State Dept. of Social & Health Serv.	120	Hawaii Superferry	106
Silicon Graphics	120	Basic American Foods	106
Rainsweet Union Plant	120	Ropes & Gray Law Firm	106
Block Corp.	120	APC	105
Leeson Electric	120	Hanover Direct Call Center	105
Contra Costa County	120	Olympic Steel	105
SkillSoft Software	120	Flight Options Pilots	105
Sherwin Williams	120	Akin Gump Law Firm	104
Pittsburgh Glass Works LLC	120	Foot-Joy	103
Lynn School Department	120	Thompson Center Arms	103
Canadian TV station CTV	120	Nicholas Plastics	103
Lucia Mar School District	120	Geological Institute of America	103
Ft. Worth Star-Telegram	120	FootJoy	103
New Millennium Building Systems	120	Reed Smith Law Firm	100
Land O'Lakes plant closure	120	Air Labrador	100
Ovonic Energy	119	New York City Zoo	100
Brush Wellman	118	American Medical Association	100
King Kullen Grocery Co.	118	Ainak Inc.	100
Texas Hydraulics	117	Lexicon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	102
Farley Windows & Doors Inc.	117	U of N, Carolina, Greensboro	100
Trophy Homes	116	Hydro Aluminum	100
Room & Board	116	NY Times	100
Standard Aero	115	Catawissa	100
State of AZ, Social Services	115	Forest City Enterprises Inc.	100
BASF Alabama Plant	115	Emmis Communications	100
Simonton Windows	115	SABIC Innovative Plastics	100
FLSmith Inc.	115	Angen	100
Rockwell Automation	115	RF Micro	100
Brunswick Corp.	115	Hartford Courant	100
Betts USA	114	Mau Land & Pineapple Co.	100
Sara Lee	114	Echo Windows	100
OneAmerica	114	GE Mebane Plant	100

Food. Shelter. Transportation. Security. Security is very important. Maintaining order and public safety requires discipline. And maintaining discipline, for many people, requires the threat of force. This means people must be ready to come to each other's defense, take responsibility for each other and do what's right.

Currently, security is provided by a number of bloated, ineffectual, bureaucratic institutions which inspire more anger, rage and despondency than discipline/dispensing violence and ill treatment.

Conclusion

These appear to be the basics. Many will consider what has been discussed here as all quite far into the future, if in fact it ever gets that bad. The danger is that they will miss the opportunity to create a new reality ahead of time and get trapped. One can either accept the failure of the system now and change course accordingly or decide to stay the course and have to accept your own individual failure later.

Shelter poses a particularly interesting problem at the moment. It is still very much overpriced, with many people paying mortgages and rent they can no longer afford while numerous properties stand vacant. The solution is to cut your losses and stop paying. Finding a good place to live will become less and less of a problem as people stop paying their rents and mortgages and get evicted because this increases the number of vacant properties. You could thus become a "property caretaker," legitimately occupying a vacant property rent-free and keeping an eye on things for the owner. What if you can't find a position as a property caretaker? Well then, you might have to become a squatter, maintaining a list of other vacant properties that you can go to next while keeping your camping gear handy. If you do get tossed out, chances are the people who tossed you out will then start thinking about a property caretaker to keep the squatters out. And what do you do if you become a property caretaker? Well, you take care of the property and look out for all the squatters because they are the reason you have a legitimate place to live. A squatter in hand is worth three absentee landlords in the bush. The absentee landlord may eventually cut his losses and go away, but your squatter friends will

Politics

USSR – Ideologically hamstringing, the Communist Party, able to crush protest, hid the books

US – Ideologically hamstringing, the Capitalist Party and... the Other Capitalist Party, able to ignore protest, cooked the books

A time-tested, time-saving approach to national politics guaranteed to work for any collapsing superpower:

- 1) Don't pay attention to national politicians – it only encourages them. They are a colossal distraction, stay focused.
- 2) Don't even make fun of them (no matter how tempting). If you completely ignore them they will disappear from view faster.
- 3) Alexander Solzhenitsyn (who won the 1970 Nobel Prize in Literature) developed a saying which helped him survive the Gulag. It may help you too: **"Don't believe them, don't fear them, don't ask anything of them."**

remain as your neighbors. Having neighbors is better than living in a ghost town.

What if you still have a job, what do you do to prepare? Obviously, be prepared to be fired, laid off or quit at any moment. It really doesn't matter which; the goal is to sustain zero psychological damage in the process. Get your burn rate as close to zero as you possibly can by spending as little money as possible so that when the job goes

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away not much has changed. While at work do as little as possible because all this economic activity is just a terrible burden on the environment. Just gently ride it down to a stop and jump off.

If you still have a job or if you still have some savings, what do you do with all the money? The obvious answer is - build up inventory. The money will be useless, but a box of bronze nails (which hold up for hundreds of years) will still be a box of bronze nails. Buy and stockpile useful stuff, especially stuff that can be used to create alternative systems for growing food, providing shelter, and transportation. If you don't own property where you can stockpile stuff then you can rent a storage container, pay it a few years forward, and just sit on it until reality kicks in and there is something useful for you to do with it.

Some people may be frightened of the scenario just described, and rightly so. There is nothing any of us can do to change the path we are on: it is a huge system with tremendous inertia and trying to change its path is like trying to change the path of a hurricane. What can be done is to prepare oneself and each other, mostly by scaling down our needs, changing our expectations and our preferences. It may mean missing out on some last uncertain bit of enjoyment. On the other hand, by refashioning oneself into someone who might stand a better chance of adapting to new circumstances you will be able to give yourself, and others, a great deal of hope that would otherwise not exist.

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	Inflation	Disinflation	Hyperinflation	Stagflation	Deflation	CC***
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2	Falling Treasury Yields	N	Y	N	Y	Y
3	Falling Home Prices	N	N	N	Y	Y
4	Rising Corporate Bond Yields	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
5	Rising Dollar		N	N	Y	Y
6	Falling Commodity Prices	Y	N	Y	N	Y
7	Falling Consumer Prices	N	N	N	Y	Y
8	Rising Unemployment	N	N	Y	Y	Y
9	Negative GDP	N	N	Y	Y	Y
10	Falling Stock Market	N	N	Y	Y	Y
11	Falling Credit Marked To Market	N	N	Y	Y	Y
12	Slowly Rising Base Money Supply	Y	Y	N	N	N
13	Spiking Base Money Supply %wise**	N	N	Y	Y	Y
14	Banks Hoard Cash	N	N	Y	Y	Y
15	Rising Savings Rate	N	N	N	Y	Y
16	Purchasing Power Of Gold Rises*	N	N	Y	Y	Y
17	Rising Numbers Of Bank Failures	N	N	Y	Y	Y
18						
19	* Relative to other commodities					
20	** This Happened In Great Depression					
21	*** Current Conditions					

The Environmental Corner

Climate change is now irreversible, according to a new scientific study conducted by one of the world's top climate scientists and author of the report, Susan Solomon. The pace of global warming is going to be much faster than recent predictions because industrial greenhouse gas emissions have increased more quickly than expected and higher temperatures are triggering self-reinforcing feedback mechanisms in global ecosystems. This is helped along by a surge in coal use in countries such as China and India.

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Harrah's Entertainment/Memphis	250	Kansas City Police Department	225
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K-Mart Florida	240	Rosebud Mining	200
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Varian Inc.	240	White & Case Law Firm	200
Hogan & Hartson Law Firm	240	O'Melveny & Meyers Law Firm	200
Covidien	240	Lamborghini	200
Firestone	238	Wal-Mart	200
Toro Co.	235	MEMC Electronics Materials	200
Allis-Chalmers Energy	235	Nashville Schools	200
US Airways	233	ECI Telecom	200
Lineage Power Holdings Inc.	233	PPL	200
Shape Corp.	230	Norman Regional Health	200
Chevron Mining, NM.	230	7-Eleven	200
Marathon Pulp Mill	230	Morton Metalcraft in Peoria	200
Merix Corp.	230	Swedish Medical Center, Seattle	200
Xerium Technologies	230	Flying J Truckstops	200
Farmland Foods	230	Broadcom	200

The soaring greenhouse gas emissions from these coal-burning countries are creating temperature rises that turn damp, humid forests into parched tinderboxes, vulnerable to devastating wildfires. This means we are looking at a future climate that's beyond anything seriously considered in climate model simulations. And on & on it goes. Global Warming is increasing the death rate of trees in the western US. They are dying twice as fast as they did three decades ago and global warming is to blame. Tree species that are dying including pines, firs and hemlocks, and at a variety of altitudes. As temperatures across the US have gotten warmer, the purple finch has been spending its winters more than 400 miles farther north than it used to. In Australia, leaves fell off trees in the middle of summer, electricity substations exploded and railway tracks buckled. Melbourne thermometers topped 43C (109.4F) three days in a row. The heat - following a record 12-year drought - is due to global warming. Australia emits more carbon dioxide per person than any nation on earth and may be the first to implode under the impact of climate change. Its climate is already hot, dry and variable. Its vulnerable agriculture plays an unusually important part in the economy. And most people and industry are concentrated on the coast, making them vulnerable to the rising seas and ferocious storms that come with a warmer world. Even modest temperature rises, now seen as unavoidable, will increase drought by 70% in New South Wales, cut Melbourne's water supplies by more than a third, and dry up the Murray-Darling system by another 25%. The heat is expected to become the norm in 10 to 20 years.

Many analysts warn of a 20% to 40% drop in agricultural production, depending on the duration of the current global drought. In 2007, Science published predictions of permanent drought by 2050 throughout the Southwest of the US, with levels of aridity akin to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s enveloping swaths of land from Kansas to California.

This is widespread desertification. The NOAA foresees drought of considerable duress largely irreversible for 1,000 years and identifies the following key regions as becoming permanent Dust Bowls: the US Southwest, Southeast Asia, Eastern South America, Southern Europe, Southern Africa, Northern Africa, Western Australia. These are countries that yield two thirds of the world's agricultural output and are on the precipice of serious climatic discontinuities. Food prices will soar, and, in poor countries where food is scarce, millions will starve.

The California drought is going to be the worst in modern times. Already thousands of acres of crops are fallow,

with no sign of slowing. The Northern Sierra snowpack for this past winter turned out to be 51% lighter than usual. And according to the LA Times, California is nearly out of water, leaving it with a dwindling Northern California supply. Los Angeles has already begun allocation of water. Beijing blasted silver iodide into clouds over northern China to create precipitation as a means of alleviating the most severe drought they've had in half a



In 1974, the US Environmental Protection Agency licensed the nerve gas parathion trapped into nylon bubbles the size of bee pollen particles. The technical material used acts like a "time release" microcapsule. Bees become laden with invisible spheres of asphyxiating gas. The result of the corporate control of the US government is that now, in 2009, honeybees are moving toward extinction.

century. Australia is in the midst of an unremitting dry spell since 2004, as 41% of the country's agriculture suffers the worst drought in the 117 years of record-keeping. Rivers have stopped flowing, lakes are being eradicated by toxicity, and farmers have left their land. Argentina's worst drought in half a century has turned the verdant landscapes to dust. Soy plants are scorched by the sun and Argentina's food production is set to go down a minimum of 50% or greater. Africa faces food shortages due to lack of rainfall. Half the agricultural soil has lost nutrients necessary to grow plant. The Middle East and Central Asia are also suffering from droughts and food grain production is at the lowest levels in decades. A major shortage of planting seed for the 2010 crop is expected.

A spike in food prices would not end up in the impoverishment of nation states per se, but it will certainly cause the disintegration of the middle class. Social unrest and soaring food prices go hand in hand, from sea to shining sea. That increases the likelihood of a new system of globalized neo-feudalism. In 1800, at the time of the Industrial Revolution, there were 969,000,000 humans on earth. That leaves more than five billion redundant individuals whose lives were made possible by fossil fuels and the abundance of water. The average American city has food for about half a month, which means economies will need know-how to localize and quickly. By making communities self-sustainable with clean energy such as solar, wind, geothermal, and magnetic replacing the obsolete 80-year long enterprise known as the combustible engine, we make ourselves and our families less dependent on the broken state-enterprise apparatus.

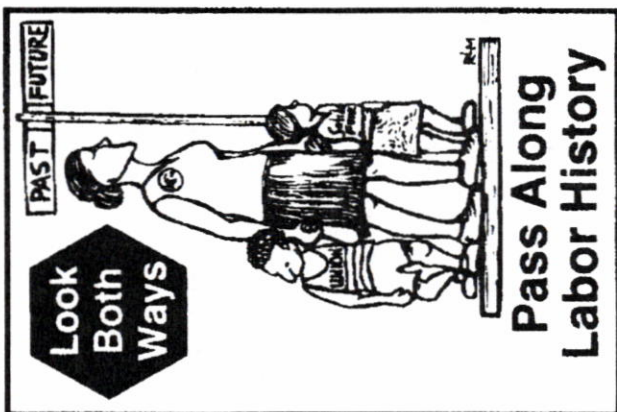
Your television lies. News networks like CNN, NBC, ABC, Fox, et. al. are the only companies from which most people get their daily dose of news. Corporate attitudinized mass media dangles carrots in front of the consumers face from the confines of a hallucinatory feedback loop. Awash in an onslaught of terroristic American-style yellow journalism, dimension is hard to find. The axioms with which the corporate-owned media frame reality are so far off base that it is more than difficult to find the right retaliatory argument while discussing the world with Right (and Left) Wing nut case stats.

There is a peculiar form of denial called anosognosia, the condition in which a person suffering from a disability due to brain injury appears unaware or denies the existence of the malady. This ailment applies to radical changes in one's life, affecting say, the newly blind or paralyzed. The industrialized world's people are suffering from a terminal form of anosognosia. They have all gone insane. That people find solace in the proclamations of economists regarding the current financial crisis subsidizing in a year's time, while watching the corporate nanny state complete its submission to corporate rule, is further evidence of insanity. Malcom X expressed his belief that one day there would be a clash between the rich and poor of the world; it's becoming a greater & greater possibility.

Corporate media hacks suddenly discover 'workers rights'

If corporate media really cared about workers rights, there probably would have been more than no (NONE) stories on those rights on the nightly broadcast news in 2008. Yet we are supposed to believe that concern for workers rights drives corporate controlled

State of Hawaii	374	Hershey Peppermint Patty Plant	300
MKS Instruments	370	Sears Canada	300
RR Donnelly	370	GE Fanuc Plant	300
Talbots Distribution Center	370	Fortunoff Fine Jewelry	300
State of Nevada	370	AZ Dept. of Revenue	300
Armour-Eckrich Meat Plant	370	Kinetic Concepts	300
TTM Technologies	370	Cambridge Health Alliance	300
Gardner Denver	366	San Francisco Chronicle	300
Reinhart Retail Group	363	Sears HQ	300
Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.	360	Los Angeles Times	300
Mercury General Corp.	360	Advanta	300
Kyocera Corp.	360	Bellevue Biltmore	300
Galveston Shriners Hospital	354	Piper Aircraft Inc.	300
Electro-Motive Diesel Inc.	350	Steelcase	300
Vall Ruiz-Carlton	350	Readers Digest	300
Dow Chemical Freeport, TX	350	J.L. French Auto. Castings Inc.	300
ON Semiconductor Corp.	350	JTEKT North America	300
Keystone RV	350	City of Toledo, OH.	300
ABF Freight System Inc.	350	Teva Pharmaceuticals	300
First National Bank	350	Ameriprise Financial Inc.	300
ACE Aviation Holdings Inc.	350	Peoria Unified School District	300
Brooks Automation Inc.	350	ACA Co-op	300
Bashas' Grocery Stores	350	Orrick Herrington Law Firm	300
Ethan Allen Interiors	350	Univision	300
Teddyne	350	Alegent Health	300
Gaylor Entertainment	350	Pacific Capital Bancorp	300
Elgin School District	350	Harley Davidson Transportation Co.	300
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Alma Products	345	Daido Metal	290
National Machinery	340	Pinnacle Coal Mine	290
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Butte, Montana Teachers	332	Las Vegas Sands Hotel	283
Cinram Inc.	330	Signature Aluminum	280
Advanced Energy Industries	330	Ainsworth Lumber	280
Yankee Holding Corp.	330	AW North Carolina	280
Stockton, CA. Schools	333	TeleServices Direct	279
American Airlines Attendants	333	Hampton Affiliates	275
Capital One Home Loans	320	Syracuse China	275
Sarasota, FL. Schools	320	Tenaris Hickman	275
NGK Sparkplug Factory	320	Great Bend Packing Co.	275
City of San Francisco	314	Sammina-SCI Plant	275
New York & Co.	310	Big West Refinery	274
Wisconsin Public Service Co.	310	The Body Shop	274
Sierra Pacific Industries	310	Checker Motors	273
City of Worcester	308	AHC	270
Disneyland	300	JLG industries	270
Hamilton Sundstran	300	Advances Auto Parts	270
Alatech	300	Modern Industrial Structures	270
Yale University	300	Shire Pharma	260
Alliant Techsystems	300	Putnam Investments	260
Tiara Yachts	300	JC Penny	260
Agrium Mine	300	Avago Technologies Finance	260



Pass Along Labor History

the fault of elections."

The Employee Free Choice Act does not "do away with" secret ballots; the process would still be available. What changes is who gets to decide which process to use—the workers or employers. Research shows that employees are often pressured by employers to reveal their private feelings about the union during elections making the much-vaunted "secret ballot" something less than secret in practice.

But failure to acknowledge how things actually work is the major problem with mainstream corporate media hacks not only with EFCA coverage, but with anything pertaining to the rights of the individual. In reality, it is the owners/CEOs that do most of the intimidating around union formation with tools like the power to end a person's livelihood. This is not a theoretical, potential concern: One in five workers can expect to be fired for working on a union election campaign. Employers can legally force workers to attend anti-union meetings, including 'one-on-one conversations' with supervisors, which happens in over 90% of organizing campaigns.

In the wake of NAFTA's passage, more than 50% of employers used (illegal) threats of plant closings in union certification elections. Where employers use such threats, unions' success rate drops significantly. You would think that a press corps driven by concern for worker rights and fairness would have more to say about that than the current coverage of *absolutely nothing*.

But that's the trouble with corporate media's interest in workers - it's a load of crap. The same USA Today editorial maintains merrily that "outside of a handful of heavily unionized states," NAFTA "is not seen as such a bad thing," having "produced more winners than losers." The Chicago Tribune piece alarmed about "union bosses" grappling for power goes dead silent when citing "the movement of manufacturing jobs overseas." This is the crap cranked out by these corporate whores in order to convince workers who are facing layoffs, flat wages, stolen pensions, foreclosed homes, draining wars and prohibitively priced healthcare that their real enemy is organized labor. Jeze, gimme a break!

Renfron Sock Plant	600	Domtar Corp.	500
Meadowbrook Farms Pork Plant	600	Dallas Morning News	500
Rockwell Collins	600	Sandvik	490
Essar Steel	600	Lodi Unified School District	481
Virgin Airways	600	GM Powertrain-Towanda plant	480
Chartered Semiconductor	600	Nationwide Insurance	480
Charles Schwab	600	Suzuki USA	475
FLSmidth Group	600	Federal Mogul	465
State of Vermont	600	Country Coach	460
Target Corp.	600	Allergan	460
American Woodmark	600	DDM Plastics	460
20 Detroit, MI. Schools closed	600	Polaris Industries Inc.	460
Beneteau Sailboat Maker	600	Koehler Co.	455
Celestica Inc.	590	National Semi	450
Minnitac	590	Lenovo - China	450
Tyson Lunch Meats	580	Neiman Marcus	450
AIG Insurance	580	Disney/ABC TV	450
Electrolux	577	University of Chicago Hospital	450
Comerica Inc.	570	Zavvi/UK	446
TTM	569	Food World	431
Amsted Rail Co.	569	Yellowbook	430
Boston, MA. Schools	565	Russell Investments	420
Sega	560	Fleetwood RV	415
Brooks Automation	550	Certified Grocers Midwest	415
Lenovo - Europe	550	Apartment Investment & Mgt. Co.	415
Deere-Hitachi	550	Orange County Bus System	400
Lincoln Financial Group	540	Scottsdale, AZ. Schools	410
Sepracor Inc.	530	Bakersfield, CA. Sheriff's Office	400
City of Sacramento	525	Orange County Bus Drivers	400
Catalyst Paper	525	Armour-Eckrich Meats	400
M&T Bank Corp.	525	Uni-Solar	400
Semitool Inc.	520	Altra Holdings Inc.	400
ABX Air	518	Buffalo, NY. Railroad workers	400
Five Winds Energy	515	Carphone Warehouse	400
Daewoo Bus Corp.	507	Manitowoc Crane Group	400
Yahoo	500	Mt. Pleasant Ctr. For Dev. Disabilities	400
Discover Financial Services	500	Wal-Mart Return Center, Macon, GA	400
Exide Corp.	500	Grainger	400
Road Home Program	500	NY City Public Health System	400
ADT Security	500	Tenaris Prudential	400
JM Family Enterprises (Auto Co.)	500	Tenaris Algoma Tubes	400
Vodafone - UK	500	Nova Chemicals	400
Columbus Components Group	500	Gilbert, AZ. Schools	400
Huntington	500	Kalitta Air	400
Bell Helicopter - Montreal	500	Patriot Coal Co.	400
AH Belo	500	Revel Entertainment Group LLC	400
Herman Miller Inc.	500	Evraz Inc.	400
Fannie Mae	500	IGT Slot Machine	400
BlackRock Inc.	500	Timken Bearings	400
Citrix Systems	500	Alliance Castings	394
Armstrong Flooring	500	Peterbilt Trucks	390
Rochester School District	500	Sub-Zero Freezer	385
Yucca Mountain Project	500	NiSource	380
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Low-Life Cheeping Corporations

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a report entitled, *International Taxation: Large U.S. Corporations and Federal Contractors with Subsidiaries in Jurisdictions Listed as Tax Havens or Financial Privacy Jurisdictions*.

In their zeal to hit the CEO pay jackpot, America's top corporate criminals don't just shortchange customers and browbeat employees. They cheat the government, too, out of billions every year in taxes. Corporate tax lawyers and accountants have one obligation and one obligation only: aggressively reduce the company tax burden to make their bloodsucking parasitic masters tremendously wealthy.

Tax havens, according to this report, have become part of standard operating procedure across the American business landscape. Of the 100 largest US publicly traded companies, 83 have set up dummies in tax havens. These havens cost the US Treasury (we the people) \$100 billion a year in lost revenue.

The important thing to remember here is that you can strive to get an MBA (Masters in Business Administration) and get a job with these ghoul's who feed on the flesh and blood of people worldwide (Dawn of the Dead III?). And tell the truth, do you really want to hang on to your integrity, decency and humanness or do you want to be rich!

Below is a list of the more egregious criminals and the number of offshore tax havens they have set-up. Some do not have off-shore accounts but still find loopholes in tax laws (2007 revenue is reported):

3M; Revenue: **\$24,462,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$31,275.00**. Tax havens: 9.
Abbott Labs; Revenue: **\$25,914,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$66,126.00**. Tax havens: 36.
Aetna; Revenue: **\$27,600,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$192,000.00**. Tax havens: 8.
Alcoa; Revenue: **\$30,748,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$80,235.00**. Tax havens: 84.
Allstate; Revenue: **\$36,769,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$0**. Tax havens: 1.
Altria Group; Revenue: **\$38,051,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$0**. Tax havens: 38.
American Express; Revenue: **\$32,316,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$355,000.00**. Tax havens: 39.
AIG; Revenue: **\$110,064,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$598,000.00**. Tax havens: 18.
Apple Computer; Revenue: **\$24,006,000.00**. 2007 taxes = **\$2,221.00**. Tax havens: 1.
Archer-Daniels-Midland Company; Revenue: **\$44,018,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$197,488.00. Tax havens: 3.
AT&T; Revenue: **\$118,928,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$519,233.00. Tax havens: 0.
Bank of America; Revenue: **\$119,190,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$13,763.00. Tax havens: 115.
Berkshire Hathaway; Revenue: **\$118,245,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$235,394.00. Tax havens: 1.
Best Buy; Revenue: **\$35,934,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$1,885.00. Tax havens: 13.
Cardinal Health, Inc.; Revenue: **\$88,364,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$1,039,243.00. Tax havens: 23.
Caterpillar; Revenue: **\$44,958,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$171,485.00. Tax havens: 49.
Chevron; Revenue: **\$210,783,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$98,418.00. Tax havens: 23.
Cisco Systems; Revenue: **\$34,922,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$4,063.00. Tax havens: 38.
Citigroup; Revenue: **\$159,229,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$3,122. Tax havens: 427.
Coca-Cola; Revenue: **\$28,857,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$29,942.00. Tax havens: 8.
Comcast; Revenue: **\$30,895,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$3,118.00. Tax havens: 3.
ConocoPhillips; Revenue: **\$178,558,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$267,206.00. Tax havens: 44.
Costco Wholesale; Revenue: **\$64,400,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$12.00. Tax havens: 1.
Countrywide Financial; Revenue: **\$23,442,000.00**. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 7.

Black & Decker Corp. 1,200 **Methode Electronics** 850
Ford Motor Credit 1,200 **BMW at UK Mini plant** 850
UPM in Finland 1,200 **Ford - UK** 850
Rheem Manufacturing 1,200 **First Marblehead Corp.** 84
Huntsman Chemicals 1,175 **Clark County Schools** 800
Ecco Shoe Co. 1,150 **Boise State University** 800
Bon-Ton Stores Inc. 1,150 **Viking Yacht** 800
Hamman Int'l. Industries Inc. 1,110 **Dow Corning** 800
Electronic Arts Inc. 1,100 **Eclipse Aviation** 800
State of Minnesota 1,100 **Warner Bros.** 800
Saks Inc. 1,100 **BridgeStone Tires** 800
Advanced Micro Devices Inc. 1,100 **Seagate Technology** 800
Harley-Davidson 1,100 **Barnes Distribution** 800
Cigna Corp. 1,100 **AOL** 800
Virgin Megastores 1,060 **University of Tennessee** 777
Oshkosh Corp. 1,050 **Delphi Steering** 775
Mary Immaculate Hospital 1,045 **Pontiac, MI. Schools** 760
Swiss Re 1,000 **King Pharmaceuticals** 760
HBC Canada 1,000 **Sunoco** 750
UAL 1,000 **Saab** 750
Allstate Corp. 1,000 **Northrop Grumman** 750
State of Maine 1,000 **Merck Sales Reps** 750
Bose 1,000 **Hallmark Cards** 750
Oregon Health & Science University 1,000 **Borg Warner Turbo Systems** 750
Clariant Inc. 1,000 **Autodesk Inc.** 750
Oshkosh Truck Co. 1,000 **Kingsway Financial Services** 750
Hudson's Bay 1,000 **Borders Books** 742
Pratt & Whitney Canada 1,000 **Liz Claiborne** 725
Mosaic Co 1,000 **LM Glasfiber** 725
Oremet Corp. 1,000 **Alabama Honda Plant** 706
Best Buy 1,000 **North Carolina State Government** 700
University of Washington 1,000 **Wal-Mart HQ** 700
BF Goodrich 1,000 **Abitibi Bowater** 700
Stanford Financial 1,000 **State of Maryland** 700
Poer One Inc. 1,000 **KV Pharmaceutical Co.** 700
Walgreen 1,000 **Navistar** 700
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI. 1,000 **Peoria, IL. School District** 700
University of Alabama System 1,000 **Xstrata Mining Group** 686
Hillsborough County, FL. 1,000 **US Steel/US** 659
Fedex Freight 1,000 **Century Aluminum** 651
Cummins Inc. 985 **Wal-Mart Optical Lab** 650
Charter International plc 940 **Cooper Automotive Standard** 650
Potash Corp. 940 **Anglo Coal Australia** 650
Sepacoor 940 **Miliken & Co.** 650
Johnson & Johnson 900 **Volvo Trucks No. America** 650
Rockwood Holdings 900 **Pomona School District** 643
Vale Inco Nickel Miner 900 **Latham & Watkins** 630
W.S. Atkins Civil Engineering Firm 900 **John Deere** 625
Lincoln Electric 900 **BP Solar** 620
Rohm and Haas 900 **Tucson, AZ. Schools** 605
Waste Management 900 **Shaw Industries** 600
Plantronics 900 **Yellow/Roadway** 600
Kaiser Permanente IT jobs 860 **Mesa, AZ. School District** 600
International Rectifier 850 **Equifirst** 600
Marvell Technology 850 **General Motors, Mexico** 600



Dow Chemical	3,500	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	1,800
Corus	3,500	Qantas Airlines	1,750
Salcomp Telecom	3,300	National Semiconductor Corp.	1,725
Texas Instruments Inc.	3,400	University of NC System	1,700
KLA-Tencor	3,400	General Motors/Brazil	1,633
SAP Software	3,300	Sportsman's Warehouse	1,625
Nortel	3,200	GM/Chrysler Job Bank (closed)	1,600
Union Pacific Corp.	3,150	Finnair	1,600
Dell Computer	3,000	Mitsubishi	1,600
TCS	3,000	McClatchy Newspapers	1,600
Air France - KLM	3,000	Washington DC	1,600
American Axle	3,000	City of Chicago	1,600
Spancion Inc.	3,000	Pratt & Whitney USA	1,600
Atlas Copco	3,000	GE Transportation Systems in Erie, PA	1,550
Baker Hughes	3,000	Transcontinental Inc.	1,500
Wells Fargo	3,000	State of Michigan	1,500
Pilgrim's Pride	3,000	Amkor Technologies in Philippines	1,500
Jabil Circuit	3,000	MN Hospitals past 6 months	1,500
TyssenKrup	3,000	Sharp Corp.	1,500
Bombardier Aerospace	3,000	Qimonda	1,500
LyondellBasell Petrochemical	2,750	Roche Pharmaceuticals	1,500
Avon Products	2,700	WellPoint	1,500
Agilent Technologies	2,500	State of Pennsylvania	1,500
Heidelberg Printing	2,500	Gulfstream	1,500
PPG Industries	2,500	US Postal Service	1,490
Nokia	2,500	Hospira Inc.	1,450
Lenovo Group	2,500	Virginia Dept. of Transportation	1,450
BNSF Railroad	2,500	Disney World	1,400
EMC Corp.	2,400	Flextronics/Malaysia	1,400
GKN Auto Parts Supplier	2,400	City of Milwaukee, WI.	1,400
Hawker-Beechcraft	2,300	Nike	1,400
Royal Bank of Scotland	2,300	New Process Gear	1,400
CSX Railway	2,300	Williams-Sonoma	1,400
IMI PLC	2,250	Tembec Saw Mills	1,400
Cooper Industries Inc.	2,200	IRS Andover Service Center	1,400
Barclays	2,100	US Postal Service	1,400
US Steel/Ontario	2,100	Zambia Copper Mine	1,321
Delta Airlines	2,100	15 Michigan Hospitals	1,320
Freightliner	2,100	Zambia Copper Mine	1,300
Sony Ericsson	2,000	Cardinal Health	1,300
Estee Lauder	2,000	Unisys	1,300
Monaco Coach RV	2,000	Tata Consultancy	1,300
Applied Materials	2,000	ConocoPhillips	1,300
Intel in China	2,000	Ashland Inc.	1,300
Morgan Stanley	2,000	Air Products & Chemicals Inc.	1,300
OC Oerlikon Corp.	2,000	Tolko Industries Lumberjacks	1,300
Cisco	2,000	Toyo Tire	1,300
Micron	2,000	3M	1,300
Hitachi/China	2,000	Time Warner Cable	1,250
Mead Westvaco to Mexico	2,000	RSA Insurance	1,200
Continental Tire AG	2,000	General Dynamics	1,200
Louisianan State University	1,900	Advanest Corp.	1,200
Clear Channel Communications	1,850	Canadian Broadcasting Corp.	1,200
Brembo Auto Brake Manufacturer	1,840	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	1,200
Smithfield Foods	1,800	Compass Bank	1,200

CVS Caremark; Revenue: \$76,330,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$971.00. Tax havens: 0.
 John Deere; Revenue: \$24,082,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$29,428.00. Tax havens: 3.
 Dell, Inc.; Revenue: \$61,133,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,132,476.00. Tax havens: 29.
 Delphi; Revenue: \$26,160,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,650.00. Tax havens: 9.
 Dow Chemical; Revenue: \$53,513,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$10,180.00. Tax havens: 35.
 DuPont; Revenue: \$30,653,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$3,386.00. Tax havens: 9.

Enterprise GP Holdings; Revenue: \$26,714,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 0.
 Exxon Mobil; Revenue: \$372,824,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$949,152.00. Tax havens: 32.
 Fannie Mae; Revenue: \$43,355,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 0.
 Freddie Mac; Revenue: \$43,104,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 0.
 FedEx; Revenue: \$35,214,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$59,453.00. Tax havens: 21.
 Ford Motor Co.; Revenue: \$172,468,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$358,360.00. Tax havens: 2.
 General Dynamics; Revenue: \$27,294,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$13,905,516.00. Tax havens: 5.
 GE; Revenue: \$176,656,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$52,780,528.00. Tax havens: 7.
 GM; Revenue: \$182,347,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$517,205.00. Tax havens: 11.
 GMAC; Revenue: \$31,490,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 2.
 Goldman Sachs; Revenue: \$87,968,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$356.00. Tax havens: 29.
 Hartford Financial Services; Revenue: \$25,916,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$353.00. Tax havens: 10.
 Hess Corp.; Revenue: \$31,924,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$240,500.00. Tax havens: 5.
 Hewlett-Packard; Revenue: \$104,286,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$374,297.00. Tax havens: 14.
 Home Depot; Revenue: \$84,740,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$2,304.00. Tax havens: 0.
 Honeywell; Revenue: \$34,589,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$2,491,103.00. Tax havens: 7.
 Humana; Revenue: \$25,290,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$37,863.00. Tax havens: 0.
 Ingram Micro; Revenue: \$35,047,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 33.
 Intel; Revenue: \$38,334,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 6.
 IBM; Revenue: \$98,786,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,427,788. Tax havens: 10.
 J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.; Revenue: \$116,353,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$55,337.00. Tax havens: 50.
 Johnson & Johnson; Revenue: \$61,095,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$170,246.00. Tax havens: 38.
 Johnson Controls; Revenue: \$34,678,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$120,645.00. Tax havens: 0.
 Kraft Foods; Revenue: \$37,241,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$348,708.00. Tax havens: 36.
 Kroger; Revenue: \$70,235,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$86.00. Tax havens: 1.
 Lehman Brothers; Revenue: \$59,003,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$25.00. Tax havens: 57.
 Lockheed Martin; Revenue: \$41,862,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$32,784,881.00. Tax havens: 0.
 Lowe's; Revenue: \$48,283,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$717.00. Tax havens: 0.
 Macy's; Revenue: \$26,340,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 0.
 Marathon Oil; Revenue: \$60,044,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$50.00. Tax havens: 76.
 McDonald's; Revenue: \$23,231,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 5.
 McKesson; Revenue: \$93,574,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$4,692,110.00. Tax havens: 1.

Medco Health Solutions; Revenue: \$44,506,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$261.00. Tax havens: 0.

Merck; Revenue: \$24,198,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,418,213.00. Tax havens: 44.

Merrill Lynch; Revenue: \$64,217,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$500.00. Tax havens: 21.

Mettlife; Revenue: \$53,150,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,873.00. Tax havens: 19.

Microsoft; Revenue: \$51,122,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$48,717.00. Tax havens: 8.

Morgan Stanley; Revenue: \$87,879,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$14,062.00. Tax havens: 273.

Motorola; Revenue: \$36,622,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$321,347.00. Tax havens: 4.

News Corp.; Revenue: \$28,655,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$2,646.00. Tax havens: 15.

Northrop Grumman; Revenue: \$32,032,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$15,991,673.00. Tax havens: 0.

Pepsico; Revenue: \$39,474,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$218,353.00. Tax havens: 70.

Pfizer; Revenue: \$48,418,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$40,609.00. Tax havens: 80.

Procter & Gamble; Revenue: \$76,476,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$312,828.00. Tax havens: 83.

Prudential; Revenue: \$34,401,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$35,768.00. Tax havens: 27.

Safeway; Revenue: \$42,286,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$141.00. Tax havens: 4.

Sears Holdings; Revenue: \$50,703,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$315.00. Tax havens: 1.

Sprint Nextel; Revenue: \$40,146,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$142,754.00. Tax havens: 7.

Sunoco; Revenue: \$42,101,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$68.00. Tax havens: 5.

SuperValu; Revenue: \$37,406,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,520.00. Tax havens: 5.

SYSCO Corp.; Revenue: \$35,042,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$173,586.00. Tax havens: 1.

Target; Revenue: \$63,367,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 8.

Tech Data; Revenue: \$23,423,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$0. Tax havens: 7.

Time Warner; Revenue: \$46,615,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$7,575.00. Tax havens: 4.

Travelers Companies; Revenue: \$26,017,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$535.00. Tax havens: 6.

Tyson Foods; Revenue: \$26,900,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$326,553.00. Tax havens: 6.

UPS; Revenue: \$49,692,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$140,771.00. Tax havens: 0.

United Technologies Corp.; Revenue: \$54,759,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$5,714,807.00. Tax havens: 12.

UnitedHealth Group; Revenue: \$75,431,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,524.00. Tax havens: 11.

Valero Energy; Revenue: \$96,758,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,027,334.00. Tax havens: 11.

Verizon; Revenue: \$93,775,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$428,654.00. Tax havens: 0.

Wachovia Corp; Revenue: \$55,528,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$3,683.00. Tax havens: 59.

Walgreen; Revenue: \$53,762,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$17.00. Tax havens: 2.

Wal-Mart Stores; Revenue: \$378,799,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$173.00. Tax havens: 0.

Walt Disney; Revenue: \$35,882,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$1,224.00. Tax havens: 3.

Washington Mutual; Revenue: \$25,531,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$556.00. Tax havens: 3.

Wellpoint; Revenue: \$61,134,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$72,575.00. Tax havens: 1.

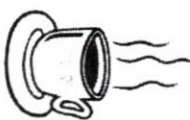
Wells Fargo; Revenue: \$53,593,000.00. 2007 taxes = \$37,777.00. Tax havens: 18.

DEFEND YOURSELF

Lately, the news has been flooded with reports of citizens arming themselves to the teeth, egged on by right-wing media personalities prophesying the rise of socialism, and that a Marxist dictator now sits in the Oval Office. This garbage has been spilling from talk radio and television hosts like Bill O'Reilly, Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Michael Savage and Sean Hannity and has metastasized into acts of horrible violence by people who are influenced by these off-the-wall whack-jobs. It's the beginning of something not seen for almost a decade.

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The Layoff Scoreboard

Compiled from 1/16/09 thru 4/18/09
Job Cuts by Corporations

Chinese Rural Migrants	26,000,000	Garment Workers-Philippines	10,000
Italian Layoffs (Jan./Feb. '09)	560,000	DHL	9,500
Citigroup in 2009	75,000	Severstal Steel	9,500
Russian Railways	53,700	Renault in 2009	9,000
Cambodian Garment Workers	51,000	Arceor Mittal	9,000
General Motors/GM Canada	47,000	AZ Dept. of Economic Security	9,000
Maquiladoras Plants	40,000	Citizens Financial Group	9,000
Bank of America	35,000	City of New York	8,900
Circuit City	34,000	City of Los Angeles Schools	8,846
Puerto Rico Government	30,000	UBS Bank	8,700
Pfizer	26,000	SAS Airlines	8,600
Caterpillar	22,110	TDK Corp.	8,000
State of California	20,000	Sprint/Nextel	8,000
NEC Corp.	20,000	AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals	7,400
Nissan	20,000	Macy's	7,000
Tyco Electronics	20,000	Hitachi	7,000
Anglo-American Mining Co.	19,000	ING	7,000
Daimler Truck Plant	18,000	Home Depot	7,000
Volkswagen	16,500	BNET Ad Agency	6,996
IBM	16,000	Washington State Restaurants	6,900
Metro AG Retail	15,000	Starbucks	6,700
NY State Dept. of Education	15,000	HSBC Bank	6,100
Panasonic	15,000	Intel	6,000
Alcoa Inc.	15,000	Philips Electronics	6,000
Rio Tinto Mining	14,000	BHP Billiton Mining Ltd	6,000
Emerson in 2009	14,000	Dana Corp.	5,800
JP Morgan Chase	12,000	PNC Financial Services	5,800
United Technologies	11,600	Platinum Mining Co.	5,500
GE Capital	11,000	Lonmin Mining PLC	5,500
Schlumberger Oilfield Services	11,000	Los Angeles Schools	5,400
BT Group Telecom Co.	10,000	Eaton Corp.	5,200
Anglo-Platinum	10,000	Gottschalks	5,200
Pioneer Corp.	10,000	Elcoteq Electronics	5,000
Boeing Co.	10,000	Sun Microsystems	5,000
Glaxo Smith Kline	10,000	Whirlpool	5,000
		Ericsson's	5,000
		Goodyear Tire	5,000
		Microsoft	5,000
		Terex Cranes	5,000
		Corning Inc.	4,900
		Fidelity Investments	4,700
		Cessna	4,600
		Toshiba	4,500
		STMicroelectronics	4,500
		Eastman Kodak Co.	4,500
		GNK Aerospace Plc	4,364
		Embraer Aircraft	4,300
		Chrysler Corp.	4,200
		Leont Auto	4,000
		Hertz Global Holdings	4,000
		Bank of America	4,000
		Russian Auto Maker GAZ	4,000
		Motorola	4,000
		UTMB Galveston	3,800
		Avery Dennison	3,600

It was Andy's strategy, adopted from the Royal Bank of Scotland when it merged with Halifax, that got HBOS in the trouble. The bank had to be nationalized. Not-so-clever thief.

(16) Former Northern Rock CEO Adam Applegarth

Applegarth's "business model" collapsed when the credit crunch hit. Luckily for Applegarth, he walked away with a wheelbarrow of cash to ease the pain and spent the summer playing cricket. A 'live life large' thief!

Others:

(17) Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee Christopher Dodd (D)

Resisted efforts to tighten regulation on the mortgage finance firms Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac consistently. He pushed to broaden their role regarding deceitful mortgages in an effort to "help" home ownership for the poor. Received \$165,000 in donations from Fannie and Freddie from 1989 to 2008, more than anyone else in Congress. God helps the thief who helps himself.

(18) Icelandic Prime Minister Geir Haarde

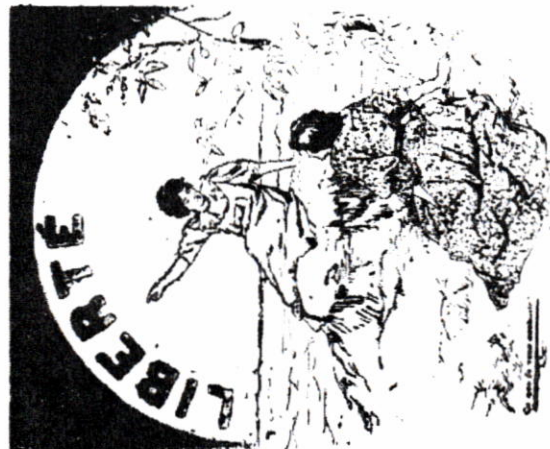
Geir stepped down as Prime Minister in late January 2009, after violent anti-government protests. Iceland fully embraced neo-liberal policies and is seen as the 'carnary in the coal mine.' In October 2008, Iceland's three biggest commercial banks collapsed under billions of dollars of debts. The country was forced to borrow \$2.1 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and take loans from several European countries. Iceland is now in the position many other third world countries find themselves. Stupid thief.

(19) Lehman Brothers CEO Dick Fuld

Richard Fuld whined to Congress that he was "bewildered" the US government had not saved the bank when it had helped saved Bear Stearns and insurer AIG. Pissed-off workers at Lehman pointed the finger at Fuld for running the bank into the ground. Facing a grilling on Capitol Hill, he was asked whether it was fair that he earned \$500 million over eight years. He sniveled that the figure was closer to \$300 million. Cry-baby thief.

(20) Former CEO of Standard & Poor's Kathleen Corbet,

The credit-rating agencies were attacked for failing to warn of the risks posed by mortgage-backed securities. Kathleen Corbet ran the largest of the big three agencies, Standard & Poor's, and quit in August 2007, too much condemnation and criticism. The agencies were correctly accused of acting as cheerleaders, assigning the top AAA rating to collateralized debt obligations, the securities that turned toxic. The reputation of the industry went to hell when dozens of internal emails became public. "Let's hope we are all wealthy and retired by the time this house of cards falters," one said. In another, an employee wrote: "It could be structured by cows and we would rate it." Lowlife thieves.



Sean Hannity – Right-Wing Nut-Job

Sean Hannity (Hannity.com) started an online poll (2/23/09) to find out "what form of a revolt the revolutionaries would prefer" (referring to nut-jobs such as he), listing as choices a "military coup," in which "the military deposes the government and declares itself in charge," an "armed rebellion," where "the fed-up civilian population attacks their enemies forcibly...to ultimately depose the government and install one that follows their own ideals;" or "war for secession," meaning "individual states try to secede and perhaps ultimately must arm to do it." These are the confused individuals one needs to be aware of in able to defend oneself.

For example, right-wing nut-job Jim Adkisson walked into a Universalist church and began blazing away with a 12-gauge shotgun, killing two people and wounding several others. He had 70 shotgun shells with him and fully intended to massacre as many people in the church as possible before police killed him, but he was tackled and disarmed by members of the congregation before he could complete his task.

When Adkisson's home was searched, copies of Michael Savage's 'Liberalism Is a Mental Disorder,' 'Let Freedom Ring' by Sean Hannity, and 'The O'Reilly Factor,' by Fox News's Bill O'Reilly were found. Adkisson left a four page, handwritten suicide manifesto explaining his murderous spree. He hated liberals. "The only way we can rid ourselves of this evil is kill them in the streets. Kill them where they gather. I'd like to encourage other likeminded people to do what I've done. If life ain't worth living anymore don't just kill yourself. Do something for your Country before you go. Go Kill Liberals!"

There have been more stories like this in recent months, and there will be more to come. The right-wing nut-job media pundits and their corporate masters are all too familiar. And the ditto-heads are listening. There is something sly, sinister and malevolent at work here.

Consider the curious historical synchronicity of all this: when a Democratic president took office in 1993 the militia movement exploded, egged on by a whole host of right-wing media whack-job personalities. Waco and Ruby Ridge, combined with the passage of NAFTA and the Brady Bill, detonated into a militia movement that was wildly active, and exceedingly violent, throughout the entirety of President Bill Clinton's two terms.

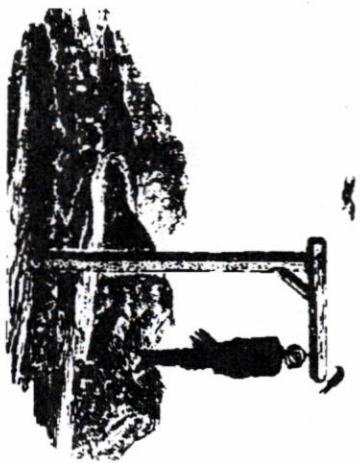
Then a Republican president takes office in 2001 and the militia movement, along with the media voices who sponsored it, all but disappears from the political landscape and for the entirety of George W. Bush's two terms as president, hardly a peep was heard from the militia movement that had been so active during the administration of Bush's predecessor.

A Democratic president takes office in 2009, and once again, right-wing media whacko's begin their clarion call for armed revolution, and once again, a portion of their goof-ball listeners erupt into violence. "In Politics," President Franklin Roosevelt said, "nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."

Take this seriously. Right-wing nut-jobs have consistently advocated killing people of all stripes on the left through the years. The right-wing nut-job factory is ramping up and physically threatening your well-being! Make sure you have the tools and resources needed to defend yourself, your families and loved ones.

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None of the thieves involved are facing criminal charges, let alone jail time. The thieves and ne'er-do-wells who masterminded the current crisis include:

(1) **Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve 1987-2006**
He is one of those most culpable for the crisis. He allowed the housing bubble to develop due to his approval of low interest rates and lack of regulation in mortgage lending. He backed sub-prime lending and urged homebuyers to swap fixed-rate mortgages for variable rate deals, which left borrowers unable to pay when interest rates rose. Greenspan defended the booming derivatives business, which barely existed when he took over the Fed. Billionaire Warren Buffett famously described them as "financial weapons of mass destruction" - but Greenspan was too enthralled by the "easy money" to listen.

(2) **Former US President Bill Clinton**
Clinton is also to blame. He beefed up the 1977 *Community Reinvestment Act* to force mortgage lenders to relax their rules to allow economically disadvantaged borrowers to qualify for home loans. In 1999 Clinton repealed the *Glass-Steagall Act* (which ensured a complete separation between commercial banks, which accept deposits, and investment banks, which invest and take risks). The move prompted the era of the superbank and primed the sub-prime pump. This two-faced thief is well loved by millions of gullible fools. Alan Greenspan once called Clinton "one of the best Republicans he knew."

(3) **Senator Phil Gramm**
Former US senator, free market advocate with a PhD in economics who fought long and hard for financial deregulation. His work, encouraged by Bill Clinton's administration, allowed the explosive growth of derivatives, including credit swaps. He is one of the wiser thieves of the bunch. Federal records show that from 1989 to 2002 he was the top recipient of campaign contributions from commercial banks and in the top five for donations from Wall Street. He did a lot of work on his knees apparently. This crook eventually left office to work for UBS as an investment banker and became an even bigger thief.

(4) **Former US President George W. Bush**
President Clinton started the sub-prime ball rolling; the Bush administration did little to put the brakes on the huge amount of mortgage cash being lent to "Ninja" (No income, no job) borrowers. Bush didn't even pretend to regulate Wall Street. He said at a fundraiser October 19th, 2000 for his presidential campaign: "This is an impressive crowd of the haves and have mores. Some people call you the elite, I call you my base." This piece of human garbage is a loathsome thief indeed.

(5) **Goldman Sachs Chief Strategist Abi Cohen**
Once rated one of the most powerful women in the US. But she was a stupid thief.

(6) **Ralph Cioffi and Matthew Tannin**
Cioffi & Tannin were Bear Stearns bankers indicted for fraud over the collapse of two hedge funds in 2008 (one of the triggers of the credit crunch). They lied to investors about how much money they were putting into sub-prime, and of quietly withdrawing their own funds when times got tough. Slippery, lying thieves!

(7) **AIG Insurance Group's "Hank" Greenberg,**
He built AIG into the world's biggest insurer. AIG needed many billions from the US treasury and the Fed, but that didn't stop AIG executives taking themselves off for some lavish trips, including a \$444,000 golf/spa retreat in California and an \$86,000 hunting expedition to England. Abhhhhhhhhhh! Thieving thieves and the thieving they do on the public dime!

(8) **AIG Financial Products Joseph Cassano**
Cassano ran the AIG team that sold credit default swaps in London, and in effect bankrupted the world's biggest insurance company. Cassano earned 30 cents for every dollar of profit his financial products generated - about \$400 million. He was fired after the division lost \$11 billion, but stayed on as a \$1 million-a-month consultant. He single-handedly brought AIG to its knees. Greedy unscrupulous thief indeed!

(9) **Former Citi CEO Chuck Prince**
Prince had built Citi into the biggest bank in the world, with interests that covered investment banking, high-street banking and wealth management for the richest clients. He was forced out in 2007 due to multibillion-dollar losses through sub-prime businesses. He walked away with about \$140 million for his captainship. Too bad the ship sank. Rich thieving thief!

(10) **Former CEO of Merrill Lynch Stan O'Neal**
O'Neal became a high-profile casualty when he lost the confidence of the bank's board in late 2007. Shortly before he left, the bank admitted to nearly \$8 billion of exposure to bad debts. Merrill was forced into the arms of Bank of America less than a year later. Out of luck thief.

(11) **Former Bear Stearns CEO Jimmy Cayne**
Confidence in the bank evaporated after the collapse of two of its hedge funds and massive write-downs from losses related to the home loans industry. It was bought for pennies by JP Morgan Chase. Cayne sold his stake in the firm after the JP Morgan bid, making \$60 million. Cayne had created so much ill-will that he was forced to hire a bodyguard. Scared little rabbit thief scurrying to and from his hole.

(12) **Countrywide Financials Angelo Mozilo**
Mozilo was the chairman and CEO of America's biggest sub-prime mortgage lender, which was saved from bankruptcy by Bank of America. BOA paid billions to settle investigations by various attorney generals for Countrywide's shady selling of risky loans to thousands of people who could not afford them. The company ran a "VIP program" that provided loans on massively favorable terms to influential figures including Christopher Dodd, chairman of the Senate banking committee; the heads of the federal-backed mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and former assistant secretary of state Richard Holbrooke. Screw the little guy, suck the big guy thief.

(13) **Lewis Ranieri**
The "godfather" of mortgage finance who pioneered mortgage-backed bonds in the 1980s and who was immortalized in the book *Wall Street's Poker*. Ranieri created collateralized pools of mortgages. His Texas-based Franklin Bank Corp went bust in November 2008. Scheming thief.

(14) **Former Royal Bank of Scotland CEO Sir Fred Goodwin**
He left the bank with a \$40 billion loss and 70% owned by the government. The losses reflect vast lending to businesses that can't repay and write-downs masterminded by Goodwin going back years. A jolly good thief indeed!

(15) **Former HBOS CEO Andy Hornby**